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MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE

Council takes swings at manager over unpaid \$5K

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Patience is wearing thin among members of the Agawam City Council over the management of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

At Monday night's regular

meeting of the council, the legislative body approved two transfers totaling \$5,028.45. It wasn't the size of the transfer, but the timing that drew several comments.

"This is incompetent," said Council President Christopher Johnson. "There is a Pepsi invoice dated June 5. There are food in-

voices that range from late May to mid-June. When you're in charge of a municipal business, you need to be chasing vendors to get your invoices so they can be paid for by the end of the year. One of the bills was partially paid."

By state law, business for the past fiscal year, including bills,

should have been paid and budgets should have been balanced by July 15 of the new fiscal year.

Tony Roberto, the golf course's general manager, left the council meeting after the agenda item was voted and did not return a phone call seeking comment Tuesday morning.

While the council's Finance Subcommittee recognized the town will need to pay these bills, its chairman, Councilor Joseph Mineo, was among the many councilors who expressed his concern about the alleged mismanagement of the golf course.

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Charles Sienkiewicz prepares a bacon mac-and-cheese "conewich" at the Lions Club barbecue stand at the Big E on Tuesday. Inset: The portable and unique conewich has been a surprise best-seller for the Lions this year. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

BIG E

Good to go

Hit 'conewich' feeds fairgoers
— and Lions' local giving

By Michael J. Ballway
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Next time some killjoy says fair food is bad for you, take him to the Agawam Lions Club at the Big E and ask for the "conewich."

Oh, there's no way your doctor will approve of the hand-held bread cone filled with macaroni and cheese topped with crumbled bacon. But as the smash hit for the service club's chicken barbecue stand, the conewich is doing good for the charities that the Lions support.

"We bought 4,800 cones, thinking, 'This is the first year' ... We will be out by Friday," said Charles Sienkiewicz, who manages the Lions' food stand at the Big E, at dinner time on Tuesday night.

Folks waiting until Agawam Day, Sept. 30,

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ENVIRONMENT

AHS grad helping build habitat for endangered toad species

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An Agawam High School graduate was turning dirt in Southwick earlier this week, part of an effort to bring back an endangered species of toad at a wildlife preserve in that town.

Westfield State University student Jake Lihan, a resident of Feeding Hills, said he was visiting the site for the sixth time and has been enjoying the opportunity to help create a habitat for an endangered species.

"This is what I am studying to do," said Lihan. "And right here, I am learning how to manage land

and wildlife through a grassroots initiative to preserve this species. This is great hands-on experience."

Lihan spent Monday helping dig a seasonal pool at the Southwick Wildlife Management Preserve on South Longyard Road, as well as covering the pool liner with dirt. He learned a lot from the experience and was grateful to spend time outside of the classroom to learn more about wildlife management.

He was one of about 20 students from John McDonald's wildlife management class at WSU en-

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Jake Lihan works with his classmates to create a habitat for the endangered eastern spadefoot toad. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

NEW DIRECTOR

White ready to tackle town's building maintenance needs

By Mike Lydick
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When Doug White ran his own plumbing business, he enjoyed creating designs to help meet the needs of homeowners. White will now use those skills as Agawam's director of building maintenance.

White became the head of the Building Maintenance Department on Sept. 8, almost three years to the day from when he was appointed to his former position as the department's deputy director. He succeeds Roger Kupec, who retired as the director earlier this month.

A 21-year employee in the department, White was hired originally as a working foreman plumber. Prior to that, he owned a three-man plumbing business, Douglas C. White Plumbing and Heating.

"When I ran my own company, I developed design plans for kitchens and bathrooms — both for new home construction and for remodeling projects. I really enjoyed doing the designs and working with homeowners — and now I get to use my experience to help the town," said White, 65.

As the director of building

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Turkey shoots to begin next Sunday

The West Springfield Fish and Game club, 329 Garden St., Agawam, will hold turkey shoots from noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays, Oct. 4 through Nov. 29. Tickets will be on sale beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Cost is \$2 a shot for regular shoot, special shoots and money shoot. Food, raffles and prizes will also be part of the events. New members are welcome.

Boy Scouts to hold open house Oct. 1

Boy Scout Troop 82 will hold an open house from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. All are invited to attend to see what Boy Scouts has to offer. For more information, contact David Robinson at drobtroop82@comcast.net.

Fair education



Agawam Patrolman Mark Poggi directs foot and vehicle traffic at Main, Springfield and Suffield streets on Monday afternoon, the fourth day of the Big E across the river in West Springfield. Officers stopped traffic several times as sixth graders from Doering School walked back from a class field trip to the fair. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Business breakfast to focus on mental toughness

The Springfield Regional Chamber will hold its October Business@Breakfast from 7:15 to 9 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 7, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. The focus of the program, which is sponsored by United Personnel, will be on mental toughness and confidence.

Sales growth strategist, motivational speaker, trainer, consultant, author and coach Duane Cashin says to become a star performer, individuals must think like a star performer.

Through Cashin's blend of storytelling, humor, passion and straight talk, he will present the performance philosophies, thought processes and

habits of some of the world's greatest performers, along with practical ideas and strategies to improve performance, and how to develop and strengthen mental toughness.

Cashin has held multiple positions ranging from president and chief executive officer of XL-Color, a multi-million dollar specialty graphics company he founded in 2002, to executive sales leadership positions in several Fortune 500 companies.

Reservations are \$20 for members in advance (\$25 at the door) and \$30 for general admission, and may be made in advance online at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com.

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ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Café talks, roundtables for parents this fall

The Agawam Family & Community Program will host “Mom 2 Mom” and its popular Parent Cafés over the next few months. These programs are designed for parents and caregivers of children.

Mom 2 Mom: The second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local “veteran” mom, this is a great way to have further conversation on recent café themes and parent education events, celebrate parenting and receive encouragement for the trials.

Parent Café 1: “How to Talk So Your Kids Will Listen,” Sept. 29, 9:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. Peggy Hoime, from Cooperative Kids, a family coach, and certified parenting educator, will discuss how it is impossible to create cooperation, administer effective consequences and truly connect with our children until we learn how to speak to them so they are not only able to hear us, but they want to hear us.

Parent Café 2: “Positive Body Image,” Oct. 27, 9:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. After enduring the loss of her niece to an eating disorder, Amy Mendrala of Lisa’s Light of Hope has developed a presentation on the signs, symptoms and tools to help families struggling with or identify an eating disorder.

Parent Café 3: “Holiday Happiness Tips,” Nov. 24, 9:30-11 a.m. or 6:30-8 p.m. The program offers participants ways to enjoy the holidays and not just survive them, and how to make them a holiday tradition, not the least favorite holiday obligation.

The morning cafés are held at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Park behind the building and use the rear entrance. The evening cafés are held at the Agawam Senior Center dining room on the lower level, 954 Main St.

Registration is not required. Free coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided.

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Oct. hearing for Still noise

Council not satisfied with bar’s response to complaint

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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The Agawam City Council will consider taking punitive action at their Oct. 5 meeting against The Still, a bar and entertainment venue on Suffield Street in Southgate Plaza.

The City Council tabled action against The Still at their meeting Monday evening in order to ensure proper notice was served to the owners of the business.

The council is being asked to consider a possible suspension, modification, or revocation of the entertainment license for The Still. The business was found to have numerous complaints from neighbors located behind it on Silver Street. Councilor Robert Rossi, chairman of the Administrative Subcommittee that is handling the case, said he could not give an exact number for the complaints, but described it as a significant amount over the course of a year.

Rossi held two hearings at his subcommittee meetings in May.

He says the attorney for the business sought a six-week continuance before action was taken by the City Council, because The Still was attempting to put new procedures in place to protect the neighborhood from the noise. Owners were supposed to provide regular updates of their progress.

“They have done neither since asking for the continuance,” said Rossi.

According to testimony from police officers who responded to noise complaints at The Still, citations and fines were not issued because the business had a valid entertainment license. Rossi says he believes there is a gap in enforcement of the issue, and now the council is being called on to act.

“If the police are finding that the noise level is disturbing the peace, they should be able to fine them,” said Rossi. “This is something that needs to be resolved.”

While Rossi and the rest of his committee have not been satisfied that sound proofing and other measures have been taken remedy the noise issues, Rossi did say there have been no complaints since July.

On Monday night, Council President Christopher Johnson said notice to the owners was served shortly after the Sept. 8 meeting, but he wanted to make sure there was enough time for the owners to prepare, and asked to move the agenda item to the next meeting. He said there must be at least 10 days’ notice served for a hearing of this type.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Cleanup inspires – but we shouldn't need it

The fact that the Source to Sea Cleanup hauled 47 tons of trash off the banks of the Connecticut River and tributaries, in one weekend alone last year, is amazing.

Actually, it's doubly amazing: The good kind of amazing, that so much littering and illegal dumping could be cleaned up by volunteers, with little or no tax dollars spent. And the bad kind of amazing, when you consider that someone else must have put that trash there in the first place.

This year's Source to Sea Cleanup is this Saturday, with local cleanup sites along the Connecticut and Westfield rivers in Agawam, Springfield, Suffield, Westfield and several other nearby towns. Most of the cleanup groups are open to new volunteers; for more information, visit www.ctriver.org/cleanup.

While it's heartening that on one day, Sept. 26, volunteers will be hard at work caring for our waterways from Long Island Sound to the Canadian border, it's unfortunate that an effort of this scale is necessary. By this time, more than a quarter-century after the environmental awakening of the 1970s, it's hard to believe that people still think it's OK not to pick up after themselves.

Some of the trash along the river is the usual detritus of our disposable civilization: crushed beer cans, losing lottery tickets, empty packets of cigarettes, hamburger wrappers and the like. One assumes these litterbugs wouldn't throw their waste on the floor of their own living room, or in the hallways of their workplace. What makes them think that trash cans are optional just because they're outside?

Some of the trash is industrial-sized illegal dumping — massive tire dumps, for example. The profit motive of a business trying to avoid disposal fees is easy to understand, though that hardly makes it less morally reprehensible — or less illegal.

Littering isn't a victimless crime. Even without considering the true victims — the fish, plants and wildlife who depend on clean water — we all pay a human cost. Any trash dumped in the river will have to be fished out by someone, either a town or state employee being paid by our tax dollars, or a volunteer whose time might otherwise have been spent on a positive project, such as blazing a hiking trail or designing a community boat launch. Tying up government and nonprofit resources by making them clean up after someone else's mess isn't just littering — it's stealing.

As long as the mess is there, dedicated volunteers will do amazing work to clean it up. But why must the mess be there in the first place?

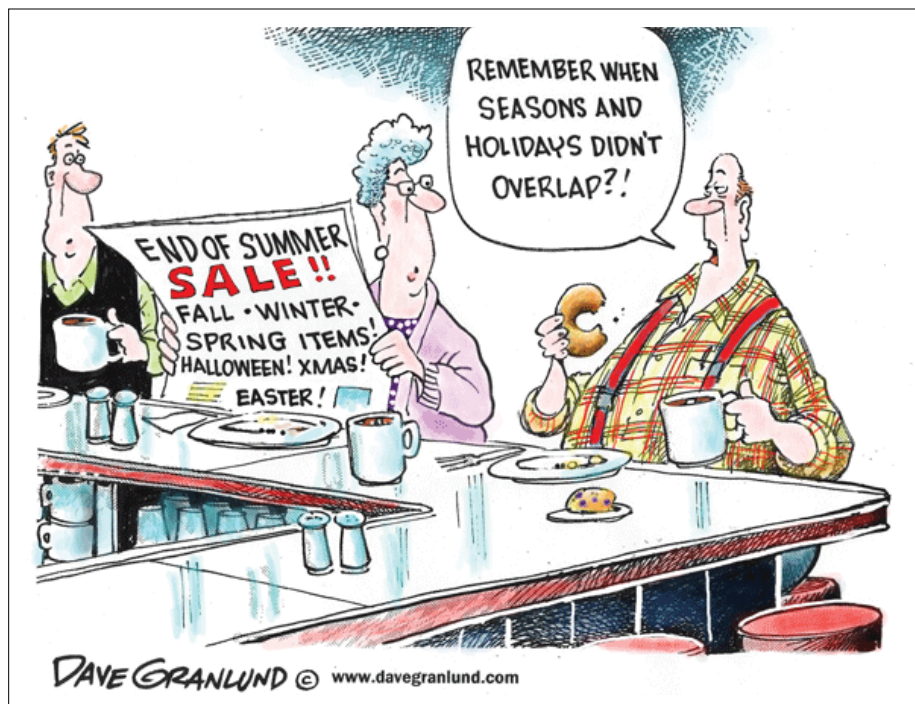
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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Reunion of the '60s — Part 1

In the fall of 1959, my class of '63 timidly entered the fairly new high school on Cooper Street. The seniors, the class of '60, had been there for three years. They were bigger than we were, a lot smarter and knew that rooms 35, 36 and 37 were nowhere near each other. Did anyone ever find out who planned the numbers or what he smoked while doing it?

So now it's 2015 and those '60s are having their 55th reunion. They invited me as their guest, hoping I can catch a few stories for this column. Sounds challenging but the '60s emailed me a list of ticket-holders to help the preparation.

Some faces would be easy. Charlie Gibson, Dan Tomassetti, Len Charest, Ken Mutti and Joe Modzelewski had all been at football reunions, but what about the girls? Marilyn (Penna) Kane, the former Rockette, was coming. Just talked to her the other day. And Janice Reynolds, another town girl I've seen plenty of times. That was it, two girls out of 29. You're probably saying, "Just go around and look at their name tags." Okay, but you don't know how the '60s did the nametags — a lanyard around the neck with the nametag just about chest high. So I'm supposed to go around to women I haven't seen in 50 years, being old enough to be a pervert, and walk up to them and stare at their nametags. How big are their husbands?

As I left my wife's car (mine is too embarrassing for a class reunion) to walk to Crestview Country Club, a man and woman walked by. It looked like Charlie Dunlap, who was in Mr. Ball's shop class with me back in 1960. I caught up to him by the door and asked if he was Charlie Dunlap. Sure he was and he remembered me calling him a couple of years ago when I learned that he was the emergency response coordinator for Southwick. I met his wife, classmate Pauline Maynard, and explained that I would find him later.

The girls giving out nametags gave me mine and explained that Mr. Davis was not feeling well and would not be coming. That would disappoint many of the '60s who were in band and musicals. It disappointed me, too, because Darcy still has a good memory and would have been very helpful. It didn't take long to realize the nametag problem,

so I asked a couple people where Diane Barnard was. Her late mom, Millicent, had previously called me with useful information and told me that her daughter Diane was a doctor down in Alabama. Amazingly, her classmate Paul Salmonsens was here also, and he is a doctor down in Texas. Diane has retired but Paul is still practicing ophthalmology, which I had to look up in the dictionary.

My next target was Bob Bourgeois. Was he the brother of my classmate George and were those eight-year-old twin soccer players I've been watching his grandsons? Yes, on both. You should see those boys play. How good will they be when they are in high school? Bob must get a kick out of seeing "Bourgeois" on the back of their two shirts. Bob lives in Feeding Hills, has six grandchildren and a two-year-old Alaskan malamute.

Class president Dan Tomassetti welcomed everyone and wished a happy birthday to classmate Janet (Fagnani) Penna of Avon, Conn. She and her husband Gus have been married for 52 years and love to travel to Europe every couple of years. They spend part of each winter in Florida.

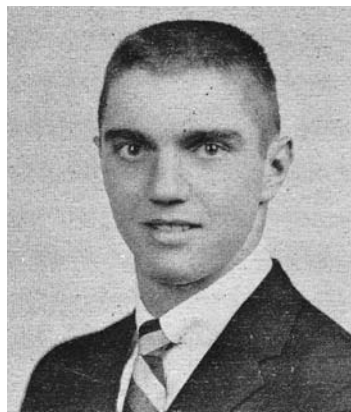
Carl Montagna, the Monty of Monty and the Specialties, was seen many times in the early part of the evening, but I deliberately did not introduce myself to him because I knew it could be a 10-minute chat. We later talked and planned a meeting near his home in Rhode Island, where he will show me his scrapbook, which should be more than interesting. Carl is a professional photographer and he and his wife Sandy have six grandchildren. You probably danced to his music at some point, maybe at AHS Saturday night dances, the Mountain Park Ballroom or at a wedding.

The reunion committee had a great display of pictures, programs and Agawam Mirrors. Dan Tomassetti gave me the pile of Mirrors, which will surely be helpful for future columns. More about the '60s in the next column.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



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"We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us."

Romans 5:3-5

The director of a medical clinic told of a terminally ill young man who came in for his usual treatment. A new doctor who was on duty said to him casually and cruelly, "You know, don't you, that you won't live out the year?"

As the young man left, he stopped by the director's desk and wept. "That man took away my hope," he blurted out.

"I guess he did," replied the director. "Maybe it's time to find a new one."

Commenting on this incident, Lewis Smedes wrote, "Is there a hope when hope is taken away? Is there hope when the situation is hopeless? That question leads us to Christian hope, for in the Bible, hope is no longer a passion for the possible. It becomes a passion for the promise."

In times of need, we turn to God to give us hope when things seem hopeless. For God has promised us that in Christ's crucifixion we will find a hope that will do whatever it takes to redeem us from the power of sin. He has also promised that in the resurrection of Jesus Christ we will find the hope that transcends death itself. Hope for the hopeless. Freedom for the enslaved. Joy for the downhearted. Our God

is an expert in turning the darkest night into the dawning of a new day. Now that's hope we can live by.

But while it's one thing to have hope, it's another thing entirely to give hope. From Parade magazine comes the story of self-made millionaire Eugene Lang, who greatly changed the lives of a sixth-grade class in East Harlem. Mr. Lang had been asked to speak to a class of 59 sixth-graders. What could he say to inspire these students, most of whom would drop out of school? He wondered how he could get these predominantly black and Puerto Rican children even to

look at him.

Scrapping his notes, he decided to speak to them from his heart. "Stay in school," he admonished, "and I'll help pay the college tuition for every one of you."

At that moment the lives of these students changed. For the first time they had hope. Said one student, "I had something to look forward to, something waiting for me. It was a golden feeling." Nearly 90 percent of that class went on to graduate from high school.

In Jesus Christ we have the hope of a new day dawning. Even in our darkest hour, this hope will not disappoint us, for God has poured His love into our hearts. The greatest hope the world will ever see. Perhaps it's time we passed that hope along.

The Rev. Dr. Gregory E. Dawson is pastor of Agawam Congregational Church on Main Street.



Rev. Gregory Dawson

Evening of candlelight at Thomas Smith House

The Agawam Historical Association will hold its fifth annual "Star, Serenade and Stone Soup Candlelight Evening" 6-8 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23, at the Thomas Smith House, 251 N. West St., Feeding Hills. Hearth-cooked soup, cornbread and brown bread will be served and period music will be provided. At 6:30 p.m., winners of the "scary story" contest will be reading their entries.

In the early 1800s, the vast majority of poor families were still making candles at home. Candle-making was an important job and often done by the children and women. Candles were made out of tallow, a substance rendered from the fat of sheep or cows, usually done when the family's livestock was butchered for the winter. The tallow was melted in a large vat and boiled until the water was removed and the dirt skimmed away. Making tallow was difficult, as a change in temperature caused deformities. Tallow candles produced a foul smell, creating noxious fumes and emanating a

great deal of soot and smoke.

Wicks were made of pieces of hemp dipped into saltpeter. Wicks were repeatedly dipped into the tallow to thicken them enough for a night's use. Candle molds help to improve candle-making. Colonists also used bayberry, which was readily available, but extracting the wax was tricky. Eight pounds of berries would only yield one pound of wax.

Also in the 1700s and 1800s, crystallized sperm whale oil produced a clean-burning wax candle and was used until the 1850s. Again, this was only available to those who could afford them. At this time, candlelight was considered a luxury and was in use only a couple hours a day. Colonists would have their evening meal just before sundown or shortly thereafter, and then retire for the night.

This event is open to the public and is sponsored by the Berkshire Bank Charitable Foundation.

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Curran-Jones Funeral Home
Agawam

Pedulla, J.
Died Sept. 19, 2015
Funeral Sept. 23, 2015
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Tangredi, Mary A.
Died Sept. 18, 2015
Funeral Sept. 24, 2015
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Viens, Claire J.
Died Sept. 18, 2015
Funeral Sept. 23, 2015
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TABLE FOR TWO

Autumn fruit salad

Expecting that you have not yet put your grill away, I have a lovely side dish to complement your grilled chicken breasts. Although the name of this salad makes you think we are in the harvest season, the flavor and freshness will hopefully prolong your summer thoughts.

This side dish is presented well on two large lettuce leaves; butter lettuce is preferred. I have prepared this with and without the apple skin removed. You may prepare this ahead, but I prefer to cut up the apple just before serving to retain its crispness. A pear makes a great substitute for the apple. I have also added 3 T. of chopped scallions to this recipe. Try substituting raspberry vinaigrette for the Italian dressing and balsamic vinegar.

If desired, rather than using this recipe as a side dish, you may cut your grilled chicken breasts into bite-size pieces and toss with the salad ingredients along with some torn or chopped lettuce.

Although the recipe states that you must refrigerate until ready to serve, it is best to serve within 8-10 hours.

Autumn fruit salad

- 1 large apple (8 oz.)
- 1 1/2 T. Italian salad dressing
- 1/2 tsp. Balsamic vinegar
- 3 T. raisins, dried cranberries or cherries
- 3 T. crumbled feta cheese
- 1/4 C. chopped pecans
- 1 tsp. brown sugar, optional

Remove and discard core and seeds from apple. Cut apple into small cubes (about 1/4"-1/2"). Combine all ingredients

and refrigerate until ready to serve. Yield: 2 servings

Ann Macey is the author of "Ann's Table for Two: Quick & Easy Two Serving Recipes." Ann welcomes your questions and comments at AnnsTable@gmail.com.



Ann Macey

Fall Festival Oct. 17 at Congregational Church

Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St., will host its seventh annual Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. Approximately 40 artisans and crafters will be present and selling original handmade items including pottery, jewelry, quilted, knitted, crocheted and

embroidered clothing, pet accessories, scarves and purses, shells, soap, art made of gourds and paintings.

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Candidate Statements

As a public service, the Agawam Advertiser News is pleased to print statements from the candidates for mayor, city councilor and School Committee in the town's Nov. 3 election. Each candidate was sent a letter in August inviting him or her to participate in this page by submitting a statement of up to 500 words and a photograph. The candidates are listed in the order in which they will appear on the November ballot. Please be sure to pick up the Agawam Advertiser News every Thursday in October for stories and letters to the editor about the election. To share your thoughts about the election as a letter to the editor, email aan@turley.com.

MAYOR One seat, two-year term

Richard A. Cohen Incumbent

I am both pleased and honored to announce that my name has been approved to be on the ballot on Nov. 3, 2015, as your candidate for mayor in the "greatest" town of all — Agawam.



I can honestly say that I have found nothing in my life that has been more rewarding than to serve all the citizens of Agawam.

Passion, pride and trustworthy principles are three words that I feel describe my time as your mayor.

A "passion" and commitment to the position I was elected. The "pride" I feel for the numerous positive accomplishments for our town and residents and the "principles" I hold strongly to always work for everyone in this great town we all share as our home.

Over the next years it is imperative that we continue to have continuity. It is crucial that we continue to work together as a community to remain strong and keep our town on the correct, current, positive path.

I am proud that by working together as a team, I have been able to present the community with balanced budgets that maintain Agawam's split tax rate as the lowest in the region. All of this while maintaining all services with no fees.

Despite federal and state increased unfunded mandates and budget cuts, as a town we are still moving forward with necessary projects with no impacts on our schools, public safety and providing customer service to our citizens and we remain fiscally strong.

While it is difficult to help and please everyone, I will continue to try. I will also continue to maintain an open door policy to meet the needs of our community.

This, and much more, is why I ask all of you for your support to continue as your mayor. I remain committed to the passion, pride and principles that I have brought to the office of mayor in Agawam and thank you all for your continued support.

William J. Clark Write-in candidate

Write in William J. Clark, 26 High Meadow Rd., Feeding Hills, Mass.

Will tear down "Games and Lanes" buildings. Work to build a community center there.



Will invest at least 20 percent of the \$3,443,624 in motor vehicles excise tax revenue into street improvements. Currently only 4.4 percent is invested.

Will invest at least \$250,000 into sidewalk rehab. Currently only \$25,000 is invested.

Will work to put the Community Preservation Act on the ballot.

Will help in the fight of the heroin epidemic.

Will not spend taxpayer money on the Agawam Municipal Golf Course.

Will empower the teachers of Agawam schools to teach their students how to succeed in learning and life.

Will make Town Hall hiring process more open and transparent.

Will work to widen main intersections and roads in Agawam and Feeding Hills.

Will make the town budget more transparent. And show ALL revenues and include cost benefit analysis for decisions. And will talk with the people of Agawam about the budget. More people will have input in the budget of Agawam.

[Facebook.com/WilliamForAgawam](https://www.facebook.com/WilliamForAgawam)

Vote! Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

CITY COUNCIL Eleven seats, two-year terms

Bob Alves

Robert "Bob" Alves, a longtime resident of Agawam, local magazine owner, director of a non-profit charity organization, seeks a seat on the Agawam City Council.



On a personal level, I am a down-to-earth and easily approachable person, devoted father, and as a cancer survivor, committed advocate in the fight against cancer. I am currently continuing my college education and consider myself to not only be community conscious but also business friendly. I have been a resi-

dent of Agawam for close to 47 years with strong family roots. My father, Avelino Alves, was a resident here for over 65 years and my mother, Francis Alves, who passed away April of 2015, was a lifelong resident as well.

As the owner and editor of the local/regional Throttle Rocker Magazine, a free quarterly publication operating in Agawam, I am passionate about helping fellow business owners and those wishing to start new businesses within our community thrive and grow.

Extremely grateful for the care I received during my battle with cancer, I developed a charity event in October 2013, Wicked in Pink, to benefit the Sister Caritas Cancer Center at Mercy Hospital. The proceeds ultimately benefit current and future individuals who are treated there. Over 300 participants, dressed outrageously in pink, attended! In 2014, Wicked in Pink became a 501(c)3 non-profit charity. Since its inception in 2013, we have donated a total of \$10,000 to the center!

With the casino coming to Western Massachusetts, I see the potential growth Agawam will face in the next few years and I will fight to see it stay a desirable community for people to live and educate their children. As a business person, I know the daily challenges that owners face to provide goods and services to our residents. My vision is to attract more businesses to Agawam that will complement our present base, however, our tax rate must be reasonable and attractive. I will work to make that happen!

Moving forward, we need to take a closer look at our infrastructure and land development opportunities, making sure our roads can properly handle the influx of additional traffic. We also need to evaluate the many areas of concern within the community in regards to blighted properties. These properties have been in disarray for many years and are not only unsightly, but dangerous. I will be a voice in making proactive suggestions in developing ways to restore them to their functionality and therefore increased revenue for the town. As a council member, I will be a voice to help ensure that our schools and teachers are fully supported. It is also imperative that our schools keep up with technological advances to stay competitive with surrounding communities.

Agawam needs a new and fresh approach as we move forward. I know as a member of the Agawam City Council, I will be a positive addition to help steer the direction and future of our town. That is why I ask you to vote for Bob Alves, Agawam City Council.

James P. Cichetti Incumbent

My name is Jimmy Cichetti, and I am honored to be completing my sixth year as an Agawam city councilor. Furthermore, I am excited to ask for your continued support for re-election on Tuesday, Nov. 3.



As a lifelong resident of Agawam, I am a proud result of our school system and remarkable youth programs. Majoring in business, I have attended both Holyoke Community College and Westfield State University. My dedication, loyalty and commitment are proven through the advancement shown in my employment history. For 20 years I worked at Casual Male in West Springfield, serving as store manager for the last 12. In 2006, I made the leap to further my business experience as manager and sales agent at Century 21, which is a leading company worldwide. I quickly succeeded in real estate and became one of the top agents in the Pioneer Valley. The experience gained in managing staffs and budgets provided me with the tools to work more proactively with fellow councilors, department heads and the mayor's office.

Volunteering with Agawam's youth has resulted in a great feeling of satisfaction of my free time. I share my enjoyment of teamwork and sports as a coach for the Sacred Heart Athletic Association and Agawam's Little League for the past five years and I have coached for Agawam's Soccer Association as well. The friendships and bonds I have formed with my players and their families have become irreplaceable to me. I have partici-

pated and supported various local charities in our town and I have been serving on Benjamin J. Phelps School's Improvement Council since 2010.

I am currently the chairman of the legislative subcommittee and Agawam's Housing Committee. I serve on the community relations subcommittee and the council's ad-hoc committee for the Agawam Country Club. I support the budgets for the School, the Police and the Fire departments. I most recently voted to secure the funds for Phase 2 to School Street Park and created a new blight ordinance to improve property and increase the pride we feel in our town. Additionally, I am currently working with a fellow councilor, key department heads and the mayor's office to develop a comprehensive plan addressing the opioids addiction that has crept into our community as well as many communities throughout the state.

My family has roots in Agawam that go back over 100 years. I learned the values of loyalty, hard work and giving back. I understand the importance of being a participant and not a spectator. I have the determination and the support to stand tall in my beliefs as I navigate through the difficult challenges ahead of us. In doing so, I pledge to bring an open mind and listen to the issues and concerns of all residents. I will continue to help Agawam move forward as a community that we can all be proud of.

Gina M. Letellier Incumbent

Gina Letellier did not contribute a candidate statement in time for the Agawam Advertiser News' deadline.

Robert E. Rossi Incumbent

"As Election Day nears, I ask for your vote so that I may continue to serve our community as your City Councilor," said Bob Rossi, candidate for reelection to the Agawam City Council.



Since being elected to the City Council, I have worked very hard with one important goal, "to make Agawam a better place to live."

Currently, there are a number of important issues of concern that this community needs to address, namely: to enforce our newly formed ordinances and zoning laws to finally clean up of our overdue blighted areas left abandoned or unattended, most particularly the Games and Lanes building! The need to create a feasibility study for the construction of a much needed new Early Childhood Center, which no longer has the space to adequately provide the necessary programs and services for our children, as well as to follow through the completion of the much needed track, fields and high school renovations currently in the design phase, to name just a few.

I am committed to meet these challenges and make those decisions necessary to protect our future and preserve our quality of life. Tomorrow depends greatly how we act today! Solutions don't come easy. By listening and talking about ideas we can find that common ground to make Agawam a more inclusive and enviable place to live. Warren Buffet once stated that "someone sits in the shade today because someone planted a tree a long time ago"; I believe in that kind of vision, a vision that I will continually strive for; with your help, we can make that happen.

Background: I retired as a police lieutenant with 32 years of honorable police service to the town of Agawam. Additionally, I have served as adjunct professor at Westfield State University, Springfield Technical Community College and the Western Mass. Regional Police Academy.

After retirement, I went on to become an arbitrator with the Better Business Bureau of Central New England, where I earned several accommodations and the distinction of Arbitrator of the Year, in recognition of outstanding arbitrating service in their Dispute Resolution Program.

Education: Bachelor's degree in criminal justice/law from Western New England University, master's degree in criminal justice studies and interpersonal relationships from American International College, certificate in command management at Babson College.

When first elected, I made a promise to all citizens of Agawam, to be your voice and to represent your interests; I believe that I have kept that promise; and I will continue to stand firm on that pledge, to be a strong and independent voice, and to support those issues that are in the best interest to you, the taxpayers of Agawam. I have always tried to be logical, practical and fiscally mindful in presenting your concerns and objectives. I hope that I have earned your respect, your trust and your vote.

"As always, I thank you for your support."

For more information, please visit my website at: www.bobrossiagawamcitycouncil.net.



Samuel S. Di Santi Jr.

My name is Sam Di Santi and I'm asking for your vote for City Council.

As a resident of Agawam for nearly 16 years, I am excited to have the opportunity to represent the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills. I will represent and provide the best political service available to the constituents of Agawam and Feeding Hills.



I have been active in youth sports throughout the surrounding communities for many decades. I

have coached youth hockey. I also officiate hockey, high school lacrosse, soccer and volleyball. I see a need to provide additional avenues for our youth to interact in sporting events and to provide these venues through better equipped sporting facilities. I am a retired business mail specialist with the United States Postal Service after 30 years, and a U.S. Air Force veteran.

I understand the need for proper zoning that will protect neighborhoods and attention to infrastructure improvements.

There are many issues that I have concerns about and once elected, I will work on an immediate action:

- Property value declines to Agawam neighborhoods that about blighted homes and property.
- Our high school track and grandstands that are dilapidated and unsafe.
- Games and Lanes issue has been going on for as long as I have lived here without a solution.
- Cell Phone Towers (dead zone) throughout Agawam and Feeding Hills must be improved. Not only for the citizens of Agawam and Feeding Hills but for our law enforcement officials that could lose radio communication and find themselves in a dead zone.

As your city councilor, I will be vocal in obtaining remedies to the above issues.

Dennis J. Perry Incumbent

On November 3rd, the voters of Agawam will be making a decision on who will be their town leaders for the next two years. I first and foremost would urge all registered voters to go out and exercise their right to vote for the candidates of their choice!



On a personal note, my wife Ann Marie and I are lifelong residents of Agawam and are the proud parents of three daughters who have graduated from the Agawam school system and live in our town. We have

two granddaughters, Madalyn who's in the sixth grade at the Middle School, and Ella is in second grade at Granger Elementary. As you can see, I have a vested interest in our school system. I have worked with and supported our School Committee and the school administration over the years and will continue to do so if re-elected.

As an incumbent councilor I understand that the voters of Agawam are looking for leaders that will know all of the needs of the residents of Agawam. The biggest duty of a city councilor is the annual operating budget. The budget is what sets the annual tax rate that you and I pay on a yearly basis. I have, over the years, proposed cut to these budgets, sometime with success and sometimes not; I am only one vote of 11. But I promise you if re-elected, I will work with my fellow colleagues and the administration to continue to keep Agawam a community that we can all be proud to call home!

I have had the honor and privilege to serve as one of your city councilors for the past 20 years, the last four as vice president of the City Council. I feel I have the experience and determination to continue to be an independent voice for you on the City Council. I will continue to work hard for the residents of Agawam, looking at every issue that comes before me with an open mind. I will review all the fact, using a common sense approach before making my decision on what is in the best interest for our community!

Anthony R. Suffriti Incumbent

At this time I would like to announce my intention to seek re-election to the Agawam City Council in the upcoming election. As a lifelong resident, I look around and see opportunity for new direction in the council, our town and the life of its residents. There is always room for improvement to happen when people come together for a common goal — the betterment of Agawam. The issues that have stood out most prominently in the people I



Candidate Statements

have been speaking to are: business development, education, and of course the blighted properties. To bring about these changes and to focus on the job at hand, the community, and more directly the council, needs to have a clear, concise, focused plan on how to move forward. Listening to the residents' concerns and ideas is important for anyone seeking public office. If you do not have your pulse on the people you serve, then how can you speak in their interest?

Returning Agawam to a small community with big ideas, we can make improvements necessary to promote growth without losing our sense of what it means to be a small town.

As the town of Agawam's operating budget is nearing \$100 million a year, we need leaders who will take on the tough issues facing Agawam, i.e., making sure of a financially sustainable budget that ensures Agawam's long-term viability without tax increases.

As the vice president of operations for a multi-million dollar company, I bring that experience on balancing budgets. I have increased revenue over the past five years without added expense. Smart business and eliminating needless spending is important to any operating budget.

I will continue to gauge the pulse of the public, putting their interest ahead of political agendas, and I will always work tirelessly for Agawam. Working alongside the other members of the council, I am confident that our vision for the future can become a reality. I am dedicated to making Agawam the example of how integrity and hard work will restore the American dream even in a time of adversity. This November I am asking for your vote for City Council. I promise you in return I will work toward a new and improved Agawam. The city that we can all be proud of, the pride and honor of yesteryear and the hope and visions for the future — this is the Agawam I envision for my family and yours.

Cecilia P. Calabrese Incumbent

I will remain vigilant against burdensome escalating taxes and fees. My experience includes: City Council vice president; chair of the Finance Committee; chair of the Community Relations Committee; chair of Budget Committee Number 1;



secretary of the Legislative Committee; I have been a member of the School Budget Committee, the ad-hoc Sewer Committee and the ad-hoc Condominium Committee.

My husband and I have operated our businesses here, IN AGAWAM, for 25 years. We raised our two children here, and intend to continue to provide employment and enjoy our lives together here, IN AGAWAM.

Outside of my City Council duties, I serve on the Agawam Robotics Education Association Board of Directors and have been a non-technical mentor to our award-winning high school Robotics Team: FIRST Team 839, ROSIE Robotics.

My legislative goals for my next term include:

1. Eliminate blighted properties that have plagued Agawam for too many years. I have repeatedly called for resolution to the blighted property at Games & Lanes. For the past several years we have been told to "wait, there is a resolution coming." It is time to stop waiting. Only by taking decisive action will that eyesore be demolished, cleaned up, and renewed as an asset to the town, rather than the embarrassment it is now.

2. Reassess the viability of the Agawam Municipal Golf Course. Over the past two years, town finances have been tapped to fund operating expenses of the golf course. The intent of having the golf course included providing the citizens of Agawam fiscal relief from the annual tax levy to fund the day-to-day operation of the town. However, the golf course has become a financial drain on our wallets. It is time to consider returning that land to the tax rolls and to stop the hemorrhaging of financial resources needed to fund the operation of the golf course. If, at the end of the next golf season, there is not a return to positive cash flow, I will support a course of action which will see the golf course sold to a private concern so that the taxpayers of Agawam are relieved of the financial albatross the golf course has become.

3. Broader use of technology: I believe that the city of Agawam can make better use of web-based technology to bring vital information to the citizens of Agawam. Put the town checkbook online, so that citizens of Agawam can see where every dollar of taxpayer money is spent. This will have added benefits of reaching a broader audience, while reducing the costs of true transparency in government.

The main purpose of municipal government is to provide the essential services and excellent schools that enrich our lives, while doing so in a fiscally responsible way. I look forward to continuing my service on the City Council to protect the quality of life we have come to enjoy here in Agawam. I therefore respectfully request your vote for my reelection to the Agawam City Council.

Vote! Tuesday, Nov. 3rd

Christopher C. Johnson Incumbent

Christopher Johnson has announced his candidacy for re-election to the Agawam Town Council. Chris is a lifelong resident of Agawam and he lives in Feeding Hills



with his wife, Anna, and their two school-age children. Chris is a graduate of Agawam High School. He received a bachelor's degree in business administration from American International College, and a juris doctor from Western New England University.

Chris is a practicing attorney and a partner at Johnson, Sclafani & Moriarty. Chris currently serves as president of the council and previously served as mayor from 1989 to 2000 and as a member of the Town Council from 1988 to 1989. He currently serves as vice chair of the Board of Trustees at Springfield Technical Community College, and previously served on the Board of Directors at the Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency for 15 years. He also serves as president of the Board of Trustees of the Captain Charles Leonard House and is a member and past president of the Agawam Lions Club.

Chris said: I am asking the people of Agawam and Feeding Hills for their continued support on Tuesday, November 3rd. Over the past four years as council president, I have worked hard with my fellow councilors to introduce new technologies in the legislative process in Agawam which have resulted in the ability to hold paperless meetings, improved recordkeeping capabilities and more transparency for the general public. If reelected to the Town Council, I will focus my efforts on the following major issues:

* LEGISLATIVE GOALS — My top legislative goals are to update our zoning ordinances and the reorganization of town government. Most of Agawam's zoning code was written in the 1950s and it was designed to attract the types of businesses that were prominent over 60 years ago. We have begun the process of modernizing our zoning code and we need to focus on efforts to attract and keep quality businesses and maintain a high quality of life for our residents. The town's organizational chart has not changed in decades. We need to look seriously at the current and future needs of our community and consider reorganizing our local government to better meet the needs of our residents and local businesses now and in the future.

* EDUCATION — The most important service that our local government performs is to educate the children of our community. I will support all efforts to provide our students with the tools necessary to successfully compete in our global economy. This means more than simply shoveling money into our schools, it means evaluating how we can get more for the education dollars we are now spending.

Chris concluded by saying: I will continue to work hard to do what is in the best interests of our community. I will strive to make Agawam a better place to live, work and raise a family. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, November 3rd. Thank you.

George Bitzas Incumbent

I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Agawam City Council and I respectfully ask you, the voters of Agawam, for your continued support and your vote.



It is a great pleasure and an honor to work for the people of Agawam as your city councilor. I am very proud of my many accomplishments as a city councilor. I feel that my record and actions speaks for itself. I pledge to continue to be vocal, active and to work with others

to support our children's education and public safety. I will continue to work to maintain the best town services, expand the streets and sidewalk repairs — while keeping our taxes low. I also supported tax incentives to lure business to the Food Mart area and in other places in our community. I voted and supported a property tax exemption for elderly that are in danger of losing their homes. I have always voted for the lowest residential tax rate to help our resident tax bills to remain the lowest possible in the Pioneer Valley. Once again I sponsored a resolution opposing tax increases by the commonwealth of Massachusetts. I introduced resolution against cutting local aid by the state that would affect our schools and town services.

We have the best Senior Center and I am proud of the work I did as chairman of the Senior Center Advisory Committee and as vice chairman of the building committee, in the planning, design and construction of our Senior Center. I was honored and proud to receive the prestigious Andrew Gallano Award from the Agawam Council on Aging for my services to our Agawam seniors. Our seniors deserve to have the best services, and our town must continue to support and care for them.

I am both excited and pleased to be a proponent of building a new track and sports facility at Agawam High School. I strongly support the work of the Agawam Track Committee, of which I am a member and founder, in an effort to move this much-needed project forward. As past chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, I worked hard for acquisition, planning and construction of the School Street Park for the residents of Agawam to enjoy.

I cosponsored a blight ordinance to help clean up eyesores around town. I am disappointed that it is taking so long to clean up the Games and Lanes property. After many meetings, I feel that progress is being made and we will soon eliminate this problem.

I am a strong supporter and advocate of our veterans and their issues. They serve our country and they deserve our appreciation and continued support.

I am a graduate of Westfield State University and taught at West Springfield Junior and Senior High School. I am married to Margaret Bitzas, a former teacher at James Clark School in Agawam. We have three children, Christopher, Peter and Katherine.

Please remember to vote on Election Day. I respectfully ask you again for your vote.

Corinne M. Wingard

I am running for Agawam City Council to give the people a stronger voice in town government.

I grew up in Agawam, and live in our family home. I



lived in Connecticut when I worked in Hartford so I have deep roots, and fresh ideas, offering both an "old" and "new" perspective about our town.

I graduated from Agawam High School in 1959, hold a bachelor's degree from American International College, and a master's in social work

from the University of Connecticut. I worked thirty years for the Hartford public schools.

I have been very active working for the good of our community. Currently I am a member of the Agawam Community Preservation Act Committee, vice chair of the Agawam Housing Committee, and a commissioner of the Agawam Housing Authority. I helped in the initial formation of A-DOG, the dog park now opened in Agawam, assisted the Planning Department in building support to pass the ordinance creating a new Business C District for Walnut Street Extension, and have done fundraising for the Agawam Emergency Fuel Assistance Fund, and the Friends of School Street Barn. I was the co-chair of the Go Green Committee, which was the forerunner of the Agawam Energy Commission. I am a past president of the Agawam Garden Club, and was a member of the Agawam Sesquicentennial House Tour Committee.

As a member of the City Council, I'll work hard, get things done, and bring fresh ideas to our council. My top priorities will be to promote a stronger, more collaborative relationship between the mayor's office and the City Council, and to seek additional sources of revenue to keep property taxes low and more fully meet the needs of the town.

I will be available to the residents of Agawam and a good listener about their ideas and concerns.

Please see my website, www.corinnewingard.com, for more information.

I would appreciate your vote on November 3rd.

Thank you, Corinne Cascella Wingard

Michele Ann Calvanese

My name is Michele Calvanese and I am "For Agawam." My husband Donald and I have been married for 15 years and have an 8-year-old daughter. I grew up in Agawam and graduated from Agawam High School. We currently live in Feeding Hills.

After attending Western New England College, I worked in a family-owned business. I have spent my adult life working in the service industry and have really enjoyed this. For the last four years I have successfully chaired a non-profit Advocates for Catholic Education annual fundraising event. I am an active member of the Agawam Rotary Club, in which I am a board member.

As our neighboring city and towns move forward into revitalizing their areas, we, as a community, need to work together to preserve Agawam's heritage and secure our future. We must maintain Agawam's unique quality of life by providing valued community services to all, from our children to our senior citizens.

I am very proud to still be a part of our wonderful community. As your City Councilor, I will work to ensure the safety and security of our residents, promote economic development, advocate for ongoing improvement of Agawam's educational system and exercise fiscal accountability. I will be accessible, effective and committed

to the future of our great city. I will be an independent voice of reason.

"For Agawam: think positive and plan ahead." This is the motto of my campaign.

It would be an honor to serve the citizens of Agawam on the City Council. I respectfully ask for your vote.

Thank you.

Robert A. Magovern

As your City Councilor, this is where I will stand:

We must ensure our seniors remain an active part of the community they helped build. Services and programs offered through our Senior Center are a much needed benefit to our growing senior population. Their hard work has helped create this community and we should make sure they can continue to enjoy it.

A dream of mine is to build a youth center in Agawam. We have a very good Parks and Recreation Department, but considering the challenges faced by our young people, this is important. This would not happen overnight, but let's begin the discussions for making a new youth center a priority.

Maintaining educational excellence is a top priority. Great schools produce great students and make our community more attractive for the young families who are our future. We need to ensure that Agawam will continue to be a great place to live, work and raise a family.

The opioid epidemic is tearing at the fabric of our society and our region. Agawam has not been spared the ravages. We must get serious about this issue for the sake of this generation and the next. This epidemic knows no social, geographic or economic borders and it requires regional cooperative solutions. We need to ensure the availability of adequate detox, treatment and prevention programs.

I call for Agawam to form a special Drug Prevention Coordinating Committee that would include teachers, parents, health workers, drug counselors and law enforcement, to begin defining the challenges in our city and developing a response plan. We discussed this once before but the effort lost momentum. And we've paid a terrible price. This time, we must commit to making this work.

Quality of life is one of Agawam's greatest assets. Our roads, parks and historic attractions must be maintained properly. In addition, Agawam is one of the safest communities in the region. I am proud of my previous council support for these efforts and will continue assisting our public works and public safety efforts.

How will we pay for the expanding needs of Agawam? Residential property owners should not be expected to shoulder the town's future revenue needs alone. We need forward-thinking, business-friendly planning and economic development that must preserve the unique character of the town while expanding our commercial revenue sources to fund public schools, public safety and quality of life projects.

We need fiscal responsibility in government. When I was president of the City Council, I initiated the formation of the Financial Oversight Committee, the Industrial Relations Committee and the Recreation Committee that worked closely with the developers of Six Flags. I fought for a fair tax agreement with Berkshire Power that generates \$3 million extra tax dollars annually.

As Agawam plans for the future, it needs an experienced councilor with foresight who knows how to get things done. I have the background, the proven experience and desire to be your City Councilor. I ask for your vote.

Donald M. Rheault Incumbent

"Once again I ask for your support as I seek re-election to the Agawam City Council. My motivation for serving remains the same, to work diligently at exploring new and creative ways of protecting and preserving the integrity of our community."

Rheault believes that understanding the role of a city councilor is crucial in making city government function effectively. His experience in having served on every committee of the city council makes him

ideally suited to be a positive force in keeping Agawam moving in the right direction.

Rheault stated that he has taken a sensible approach to budget spending. "I am not a councilor who blindly says 'yes' to increased spending, and have demonstrated this by being the only councilor to vote against the water and sewer rate hike. By the same token, public safety, education and our ability to provide essential town services are not just items on a budget. These departments represent real people with families and require the ability to maintain a delicate balance between

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spending and the level of services we can provide. I will continue to aggressively seek better and innovative ways of providing government services at lower costs."

Rheault concludes by stating he is proud of his record of attendance and has demonstrated his ability to listen to the voters of Agawam. "I believe the confidence that voters have placed in me over the years is the result of the concern I have shown over their issues. I have supported every school budget along with Police and Fire, a state-of-the-art DPW, the School Street Park and the Senior Center while voting for the lowest tax factor."

Rheault, a Marine veteran, is married to Joan (Mercadante) and they have three sons, Michael, Brian and his wife April (Hadden) and Scott and his wife Christie (Breton). He has nine grandchildren, Matthew, Christopher, Caleb, Ethan, Faith, Luke, Joshua, Nathan and Zachary, and also two great grandsons, Mason and Carson.

Please cast one of your votes for me on November 3rd — LEVER 14.
Thank you.

Joseph Mineo Incumbent

I am running for re-election to the Agawam City Council. I have been very proud and fortunate to have the opportunity to serve the citizens of Agawam for the



past 16 years. I will continue to work hard on the issues of concern to all the residents of Agawam. I am a city councilor who views the job as not part-time, but a full-time commitment. The record I have compiled in these past 16 years is one I am proud of.

My commitment to constituent concerns is something I regard as extremely important. I respond to each and every concern in a timely fashion. As many know, I have been accessible at both home and work. For me, being city councilor is not something that begins and ends with council meetings.

I am also proud of my record of support for public safety. I voted in favor of purchases of equipment and trainings for both Police and Fire departments. Police and Fire budgets will continue to receive my full attention. As Agawam's population increases, so does the need to fully staff both Police and Fire departments. I have consistently voted for these budgets. Safety of all Agawam residents is a prime concern.

Our seniors are a valuable resource and deserve not only our respect but also our council support. This is why I did vote for the building of a new Senior Center, so seniors can enjoy the company of their friends in a nice, clean building.

"Children are our greatest resource," it is often said. My children have been educated in the Agawam public school system. I experienced first-hand the benefits of an Agawam public school education. My son Carmino is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts with a master's degree and works for the Department of Revenue and is a member of the Agawam School Committee. My son Luca graduated from the University of Hartford and is a civil engineer with the city of Springfield. My daughter Joanna is currently enrolled at Springfield Technical Community College. As a member of the School Budget Committee, I have listened to both residents and educators and have consistently supported the full funding of the Agawam public schools. Education concerns will continue to receive top priority.

The School Street Park — I am especially proud to have voted in favor of this project, phases 1 and 2. This is a great environment for youth and family recreation. The new band shell for our summer concerts is now in a safe place with parking.

I have been proud to live in a community such as Agawam for over 30 years. I want to sincerely thank you, the voters, for your generous support in the past and again ask for your support on Tuesday, November 3rd, so I can continue to be your effective advocate on the City Council. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 413-789-4356.

Paul C. Cavallo Incumbent

Agawam City Councilor Paul C. Cavallo has announced his candidacy for his re-election to the Agawam City Council. Cavallo's experience in government positions include serving four years on the Agawam School Committee from 2003 to 2007, where he held the position of vice-chairman. In 2007, he was elected to the City Council and again in 2011 and 2013.



Cavallo has a bachelor of arts degree in English from American International College and a master's degree

in secondary school administration from Westfield State University. His early professional experience includes English teacher, guidance counselor, director of guidance and counseling, and director of agawam adult education. Later in his 38-year career as an educator, he became the assistant principal and principal of Agawam High School. Since his retirement in 2001, Cavallo has been an adjunct faculty professor of English at Springfield Technical Community College for the past 14 years.

Councilor Cavallo brings to the council his experience as a member of two important council subcommittees — the Legislative Committee and Community Relations Committee. Also, for the past two years, he has served as chairperson of the School Budget Subcommittee, which meets numerous times with the School Committee during the fiscal year to discuss the annual school budget proposal. The School Committee budget constitutes over half of the entire city budget. In addition, in February 2013, Cavallo was appointed by Mayor Cohen to the Casino Committee. Since Agawam is a surrounding community that would be impacted by the development of a casino in Springfield, the committee's goal is to ensure that safety issues along with other concerns brought about by the casino's impact are protected. Finally, Cavallo volunteered to be a member of School Superintendent Sapelli's Facility Needs Committee, which meets on a regular basis to evaluate the physical needs of the school system's buildings, for which the city side of the budget is responsible.

Cavallo's outside activities include serving as the treasurer of the Castle Hills Condominium Association and president of the Agawam Retired Employees Association (AREA). The goal of AREA is to seek improvements in retirement and health benefits for its 600 members.

Cavallo and his wife, the former Joan Allen, have been residents of Agawam for 45 years. They have two sons. Paul and Nicole live in Long Island, N.Y., and Scott and Jen and their two children, Julia and Nicholas, live in Needham, Mass.

Richard M. Theroux

My name is Richard M. Theroux and I am a candidate for the office of council for the town of Agawam. After being town clerk, I continue to have an interest



in our community and in the policies and programs that make Agawam a great place to live.

Agawam has been my lifelong home and I am very grateful to my old neighbors from Woodside Drive and the friendships that I formed there. I am also grateful for the education that my children received

from the Agawam public schools. My wife, Carol, and I have brought up our family here and I have always felt honored to be part of the government. Now, as I move into my new position with Angelides Law Firm, I continue to have an interest in our community.

To prove that point, I played a vital role in rehabbing the Senior Center. As the chairman of a dedicated committee, we made the new Senior Center happen. I also serve as the PVTA representative for Agawam and became chairman of the 24-member board because I had an interest in making sure that Agawam had the public transportation, particularly the senior bus service, that keeps our seniors mobile.

And even though my children have long since graduated from Agawam High School, as a member of the Track and Football Renovation Committee for the high school, I continue to be involved in projects that benefit our community.

As a councilor, I believe that I understand the role that it plays in the government. Goals that I wish to accomplish include quarterly budget reviews. I do not believe that one budget review meeting after the budget is submitted to the council allows the council to comprehend the complete fiscal picture of the town.

Also, with our new town planner in place, I believe our council and the administration should do a complete and comprehensive review of our zoning ordinances and special permitting process. No homeowner should ever be surprised as to what can be built in their backyard.

Third, I believe that the council's role and the mayor's role are well defined and there should be a positive relationship between the mayor and the council, because our jobs are to collectively serve the best interests of our community.

I believe that my background as a former teacher and adjunct professor at STCC, along with being a town official, gives me the background and the experience to be an effective councilor. I have been involved in this community because this community has been good to me and my family and I hope to continue my involvement to make Agawam the best it can be.



SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Six seats, two-year terms

Wendy T. Rua Incumbent

My name is Wendy Rua, and I'm asking for your vote for re-election to the Agawam School Committee on November 3rd.



Many of you may know me as Wendy Pudlo from when we grew up together. I'm a proud 1990 graduate of Agawam High School, and I received my bachelor's degree in psychology from Mount Holyoke College in 1994. After graduation, I held various social work positions, took time off to raise my three children and am

currently employed as a Title 1 Literacy Tutor in Enfield, Conn. Advocacy, working with children and community outreach have been the common thread in the jobs that I have held.

My husband, Mario, and I have been blessed with three children, Christian (12), Gabriel (9) and Timothy (7). With Mario's support, I decided to put my career on hold and for 10 years I was a full-time, stay-at-home mom. Of all my accomplishments, I'm most proud of the time I spend with my children and fortunate for the opportunity to be an active community volunteer. I'm a Cub Scout leader to a fantastic group of scouts, a coach for two robotics teams and director for Junior FIRST Lego League, a former School Improvement Council member and former Granger PTO president. I volunteer within the schools frequently and see firsthand the educators at work in our district.

Elected as vice-chair of Division 5 for Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC), vice president of Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative Board of Directors, member of Western Massachusetts Educational Leaders Coalition, voting delegate at MASC annual conference, representative at Day on the Hill in Boston networking with state legislators on behalf of Agawam and serving on Policy, Facility Needs and Wellness committees, I show my dedication to working tirelessly on behalf of Agawam staff and students.

The biggest challenges today are too many mandates, too much time spent on testing and never-ending documentation, which leads to teachers' fatigue and frustration. Teachers have less and less time to simply get to know their students and teach! Children go to school excited to learn and are often met with assessments and benchmark testing in the first weeks of school instead of having time to settle in and to learn routines. Common Core and assessment tools need to be better understood by parents in order for future district goals to be supported and achieved successfully.

My goals for next term will be to support the passage of a three-year moratorium on high-stakes testing, promote more learning and less testing in the classrooms, advocate for ongoing community forums to discuss the future and direction of our schools, support technology growth in classrooms and continue to assure best safety practices for our staff and students.

I ask the tough questions. I work hard. I am approachable and always respond to those who reach out to me.

I'm proud to be your School Committee Choice, and I ask that you please vote to re-elect me, WENDY RUA. Thank you!

Carmino Mineo Incumbent

My name is Carmino Mineo and I am pleased to announce my candidacy for re-election for Agawam School Committee. I have truly enjoyed my very first productive



term representing you and your children in this position. I am seeking re-election in order to ensure that, as I begin my own family, students have access to the same high quality education that I received when I attended the Agawam public schools. Agawam schools have prepared me for a successful career.

I have been an Agawam resident my entire life. I made a choice after completing my bachelor's degree to continue my adult life in the town where I was raised. I started my first full-time job, bought my first house, all while completing graduate school at the University of Massachusetts. The deciding factor in moving back was that I knew that Agawam is where I planned to raise children, and being recently married that plan only becomes more relevant in my role as member of School Committee. I am proud of Agawam and the foundation that the town gave me.

During the two years that I have been a member

the Agawam School Committee, we have successfully passed two balanced budgets. Both budgets maintained all existing programs and services while also ensuring the appropriate student-teacher ratios in place. Throughout the two years we have put a focus on safety and technology. We added cameras and increased the number of Chromebooks in hopes to be 1-to-1 in the near future. As a School Committee we sent a resolution to Boston in regards to our displeasure with the increasing number of unfunded mandates. Each year the increased cost of education has continued to be a challenge. Members of the School Committee are elected by residents with and without children. With the school's budget taking a large portion of the town's operating budget, it is important to be fiscally responsible. In order to progress the future generations, our leaders must push for continued advancement in each sector of the school system. I care about Agawam's future and I hope you will consider voting for me this November.

Anthony C. Bonavita Incumbent

Anthony C. Bonavita of Agawam today officially announced his bid for re-election to the Agawam School Committee.



Bonavita is seeking his sixth term on the School Committee. He presently serves as chair of the Budget-Finance Subcommittee of the School Committee.

An attorney, he is a graduate of Fordham University and he obtained his juris doctorate degree from Suffolk University Law School.

He stated, "Serving on the School Committee is an honor and I continue to work hard to improve our schools. I will continue to represent the best interest of the children so they may have the necessary tools to maximize their ability. My slogan is 'Let the Children Soar' and I consider the best interest of our children with every vote I take."

He further emphasized, "Our work is never done. We must continue to fight to keep education a top priority. We must fight to be fiscally responsible and we must continuously work to reinforce and support programs necessary to improve our educational system. Part of that requires fighting unfunded state mandates. Also, I oppose new high-stakes state testing such as PARCC. Tweak the MCAS if we have to, but we should never support the over-testing of our children. No test ever inspired me and I have taken many tests in my lifetime. I was inspired by teachers, not tests, and we need to support teachers, not to overburden them with continuous high-stakes testings."

Bonavita is married to Adele Bonavita and both of their children, Carlo and Franca, are graduates of Agawam High School.

He concluded, "I will continue to speak out and advocate on behalf of our children and community. I love our community and I love serving on our School Committee, as I truly believe I am helping the children of Agawam to the best of my ability. I please ask for your consideration for one of your votes for School Committee."

Brian A. Burbank

The changes to the curriculum in our school system over the past few years to align with the Common Core standards has been a large concern to myself and many of you, as well. Over the past four years I've attended the School Committee meetings, I've talked with parents, teachers, staff, and the members of the School Committee; and I've researched to better educate myself on what the standards are and how the requirements are being implemented.

Parents are frustrated about a noticeable increase in homework and testing and the elimination of important items from the curriculum. For example: cursive writing, special programs, and recess have been cut to make room for more core classes such as extra math classes. Changes to teaching methods in some subjects have left many of us unable to help our kids when they are confused because it's a method we have never seen or used. For a lot of us, our children needing extra help or tutoring has gone from the exception to the norm. In the feedback I've received from other parents there is an overall frustration that many of these changes are being implemented without any explanation.

Teachers are concerned with the inflexibility of the curriculum, a compressed timeline to cover an increase in material, and in some cases don't yet have appropriate teaching materials that match the current curriculum. Of the feedback I got from teachers, the most common and disappointing comment I heard was about the loss of time and flexibility to make teaching fun. I do recognize that to have well educated students we need to have a

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high standard, but finding a balance is vital.

On a personal note, my wife and I have lived in Feeding Hills for 16 years. We have five children: our youngest Alison is at the Doering School, Nicholas is at the junior high, Elizabeth and Juliet attend Agawam High School, and Hayley graduated with the class of 2014 and is now attending Fitchburg State University.

I decided to be a candidate for School Committee because I feel strongly I can be a positive influence and be an advocate for the children and the parents of our community. Having kids throughout the school system has given me insight to the challenges that are faced at all levels of our school system. I have experienced the frustration that many of you are feeling and I want to be your voice on the School Committee.

On November 3rd, I would appreciate your vote. Thank you.

Roberta G. Doering
Incumbent

I am Robert G. Doering, and yes, I am running again for School Committee. I still believe education is the most important function of our community. Think of our own public schooling, your parents, and your grandparents. It has provided opportunities for generations, helping them to become productive members of society. Everyone in the community should be vitally concerned about what happens in our schools, as it affects the quality of life for all of the residents.

I am a strong supporter of public schools, and I believe in the importance of the role of the School Committee. As a member, we must stay informed as to what is happening on state- and federal-level education departments. We know our local needs and traditions. Traditions are important, as they give us a sense of stability and order to our lives. If we find they no longer serve our needs, then they are changed.



We try to teach young people to keep an open mind to new thoughts and ideas. Also, as adults we must keep ourselves flexible to meet the demands of our constantly changing world.

My interest in health will continue. Research has proven that there is a direct correlation between food health and learning. Drugs and alcohol abuse continue to be one of our major concerns. We are grateful to all of the community organizations and the townspeople who wholeheartedly cooperate with the schools to help educate our students in this most serious problem.

Once again, I ask the people of Agawam for their support in order that I can continue to work for our young people — the future leaders of our community.

Diane M. Juzba
Incumbent

I have been a resident of Agawam for more than 25 years. In that time I raised three children, two of whom are Agawam High School graduates. My youngest child is a junior at Agawam High School. I have always been involved in my children's schools, participating as chaperones for field trips, attending PTO meetings and as members of two school councils. Presently I am the president of the Agawam Parent Advisory Council. It was my passion as a parent and proud member of my community that drove me to run for School Committee. I won a seat on the School Committee in 2002, was sworn in in January 2003 and have proudly served for the past 12 years. I have a great deal of respect for my role as a member of the School Committee. I have served on the Budget Finance Subcommittee both as a member and its chair, I have worked as secretary to the School Committee for two terms, as a member of the Board of Directors for the Lower Pioneer Valley Collaborative and I presently serve as the vice chair to the School Committee for the second time.



I have a very strong commitment to education. I hold a bachelor of science degree in criminal justice, a master's degree in special education and I am a board-certified behavior analyst. I presently work for Creative Interventions in East Granby, Conn., a private organization specializing in providing services to children with autism. Through my work I am able to use my knowledge to educate children and families, as well as work as a consultant to school systems. I believe that all children deserve a quality education.

During my tenure as a member of the Agawam School Committee, I have faced numerous challenges, from issues such as dress code policies, school safety, all the way up to state mandates and fiscal constraints. Each and every decision has been made with careful consideration and investigation into how it will meet the needs of our students and our community.

I have worked very hard as a member of the School Committee; I bring multiple perspectives as a parent, a taxpayer and as an educator, and I promise to continue to work hard as long as I am privileged to serve as a member of the Agawam School Committee.

Shelley Borgatti-Reed
Incumbent

I would like to publicly announce my candidacy for re-election to the Agawam School Committee for a fifth term. I am a lifelong resident of Agawam, graduating from Agawam High School in 1978. I attended Holyoke Community College, earning an associate's degree in legal secretarial science and hold a bachelor's degree in organizational management from Ashford University. I have worked for the federal government under the Department of Defense in East Hartford, Conn., for the past 34 years. I currently serve as a board member on the Connecticut Federal Executive Association and on the Combined Federal Campaign in Hartford. I have also



served 10 years on the Board of Directors for the East Hartford Federal Credit Union.

I love serving the public as a member of the Agawam School Committee and am very passionate about it, as I am one of you: a parent, a lifelong resident, and a caring member of the community. I am proud to say I have attended every public School Committee meeting during my eight-year tenure. As our children are our most important asset, my goal is to continue to work with the School Committee, parents, teachers, and administration in a positive direction to achieve educational excellence for all the children of Agawam. I feel being an active parent of children who are part of our school system gives me a better awareness of the needs of our schools and what's important to education.

As part of my duties as a member of the School Committee, I serve on the Policy, Technology, and Facility Needs Committee. I have also served on the Board of Directors for the Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative (LPVEC). I have been an advocate and voice for parents, addressing their concerns and encouraging communication with school administration. I have pushed for keeping our schools and children safe by pushing for safety improvements and security in our schools.

During my time on the School Committee, I have seen how important good communication and relationships are to the children and their education. I promise to continue to work in the best interest of the town I have grown up in. I will work to the best of my ability in a financially sound and responsive manner, providing a strong leadership for the community.

I have a daughter in the Agawam school system who attends the Agawam Junior High; and a son who recently graduated from Agawam High School and is currently attending Worcester State University. I have been an active member of Parent Teacher Organizations and continue to volunteer. Some of my past and present volunteer work includes, teaching CCD at Sacred Heart Church, serving as a member of the Granger School Council and assisting as an Agawam Youth Cheerleading Coach. By continuing to serve on the Agawam School Committee, I hope to lead us in a direction that will enable our schools to continue to improve for years to come for all the children, teachers and parents of Agawam.

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gaged in the project. Their aim is to create a breeding ground for the eastern spadefoot toad, which McDonald said is on the endangered species list in Massachusetts.

Jacob Kubel, who is managing the project to breed the species, says the involvement of the students in building the new habitat serves two purposes.

"Most of these students in the class are majoring in wildlife management or environmental science," said Kubel. "They are getting a first-hand experience in what is required to maintain wildlife and create habitats."

In the case of the eastern spadefoot toad, the task was to build three breeding pools. The pools are about 24 inches deep. After the pools are dug out, a pool liner is installed along the bottom. The liner is covered with dirt, and eventually, it will be seeded.

McDonald said these habitats allow toads to lay eggs and grow their young from tadpoles to adulthood.

"These pools are meant to fill from rain, and then dry out and the toads move into the wilderness," said McDonald. "Then it will rain again and the cycle will start again."

McDonald and Kubel are hoping for

more rain this fall. Kubel said the lack of rain during the spring and summer has hurt attempts to breed the toads so far this year.

Kubel said the sand-soil mix on the South Longyard property is an ideal breeding spot for the toads, and Southwick is one of the few sites that has been recommended to help expand the population.

The property was acquired by Mass-Wildlife in 2005 from a tobacco farmer. Kubel and others from his office have been working to preserve the property and stop it from being ruined by dirt bike riders that used to make tracks and jumps at various points on the property.

"The state has done a really great job working on this preserve," Lihan said.

Lihan has interested in doing disaster relief for organizations like FEMA in the future. He is a

2011 graduate of Agawam High School, and will be graduating from WSU with a degree in regional planning and environmental science.

McDonald and Kubel both said seeding of the pools to prevent erosion from filling them in will take place when rain is in the forecast.

"If we did it now, the seeds would just dry out," said Kubel.

Rain is not forecasted for several days.



Members of John McDonald's wildlife management class at WSU work on a wildlife preserve in Southwick to create a breeding pool for the spadefoot toad, an endangered species. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Jacob Kubel, the project manager for the toad habitat project for Massachusetts Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, gives a lecture on the pools.



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Public Safety

FIRE LOG

The Agawam Fire Department responded to 65 EMS calls from Sept. 15 to Sept. 22, and the following emergency response calls.

On Sept. 15 at 8:56 a.m., the department responded to Springfield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 15 at 1:13 p.m., the department responded to Park Street for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 15 at 1:46 p.m., the department responded to Norris Street for citizen complaint.

On Sept. 15 at 3:22 p.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for lockout.

On Sept. 15 at 3:58 p.m., the department responded to Burlington Drive for smoke detector activation due to malfunction.

On Sept. 16 at 6:37 a.m., the department responded to Hall Street for citizen complaint.

On Sept. 16 at 5:44 p.m., the department responded to Shoemaker Lane for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 17 at 2:03 a.m., the department responded to Paul Revere Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 17 at 4:06 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street to assist invalid.

On Sept. 17 at 4:08 p.m., the department responded to South West Street for vehicle accident, general clean-up.

On Sept. 18 at 6:43 a.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 18 at 7:09 a.m., the department responded to Cooper Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Sept. 18 at 9:52 p.m., the department responded to Pheasant Hills Drive for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 18 at 10:10 p.m., the department responded to Rowley Street for alarm system activation, no fire – unintentional.

On Sept. 19 at 5:12 a.m., the department responded to North West Street for smoke scare, odor of smoke.

On Sept. 19 at 3:41 p.m., the department responded to Duclos Drive for public service assistance, other.

On Sept. 19 at 10:09 p.m., the department responded to River Road for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 20 at 3:54 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 20 at 6 a.m., the department responded to Suffield Street for alarm system sounded due to malfunction.

On Sept. 20 at 10:43 a.m., the department responded to Main Street for motor vehicle accident with no injuries.

On Sept. 20 at 4:57 p.m., the department responded to Simpson Circle for unintentional transmission of alarm, other.

On Sept. 20 at 6:48 p.m., the department responded to Corey Colonial for arcing, shorted electrical equipment.

On Sept. 20 at 9:26 p.m., the department responded to Mill Street, was dispatched and canceled en route.

On Sept. 20 at 9:30 p.m., the department responded to North Westfield Street for motor vehicle accident with injuries.

On Sept. 21 at 8:11 a.m., the department responded to Leonard Street for person in distress, other.

On Sept. 21 at 9:33 a.m., the department responded to Cardinal Drive to assist invalid.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 348 calls for service from Sept. 15 to Sept. 21. The department made two arrests. Those arrested will appear at a future date in Westfield District Court and are innocent until proven guilty.

Sunday, Sept. 20

Santiago Moises, 29, of 865 Chicopee St., Apt. 3, Chicopee, was arrested on charges of breaking into depository and larceny over \$250.

Dale N. Tillman, 54, of 74 Llewellyn Drive, Westfield, was arrested on charges of marked lanes violation, negligent operation of a motor vehicle, and operating under the influence of liquor.

Coat drive now on at local stores

As the season begins to change, the need for layers and warmer clothing is becoming ever more important, and the Salvation Army of Greater Springfield is again collecting coats at local drop-off points.

This week, the organization announced the launch of the 2015 “Coats for Kids” campaign, asking for donations through Friday, Oct. 16, of new or gently used winter coats that have been outgrown or were unworn.

Drop-off points in Agawam include Ambiance Hair & Laser Center, 200 Silver St., and the Pride gas stations at 395 Main St. and 831 Suffield St. In Feeding Hills, donations are being taken at Berkshire Bank, 1395 Springfield St. For a full list, including drop-off points in neighboring towns such as Longmeadow, Southwick, Springfield, West Springfield and Westfield, visit salvationarmycoatsforkids.com.

Warm winter coats are needed in all sizes to fit infants and youth as well as young adults. Coats for Kids was established in 1980, and has collected tens of thousands

of winter coats that are distributed to kids in need throughout the greater Springfield region. The day for qualified families to register and receive selected coats will be Saturday, Nov. 7 at the Salvation Army location on Pearl Street in downtown Springfield.

“Now is the perfect time of year to clean out your closets and make a difference in child’s life by donating coats that no longer fit,” said Major John Ferreira of the Greater Springfield Salvation Army, an Agawam resident. “There are many local businesses that will provide drop boxes for the Salvation Army to collect the coats this season, many of whom have been helping with this campaign for years. We are so grateful to the community and those businesses for caring about the well-being of children in the Pioneer Valley and providing them with the means to stay warm this winter.”

For more information on Salvation Army Coats for Kids, call WMAS at 413-737-1414 or visit salvationarmycoatsforkids.com.



General Manager Tony Roberto stands in the Agawam Municipal Golf Course's clubhouse near the end of the season in 2014. FILE PHOTO

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“We’d really like to see the ad-hoc Golf Committee look into this issue,” said Mineo.

The transfer items were to pay food and electricity bills from the previous fiscal year. According to Mineo’s subcommittee report, Roberto was questioned about why bills from May and June were just being submitted to the town in September.

“Mr. Roberto blamed the issue on the lack of a point-of-sale system to track purchase orders,” said Mineo.

Dennis Perry, chairman of the Golf Committee, says he is displeased with this latest setback.

“I am not happy,” said

Perry. “As chair of the committee, I will be looking into this and plan on calling a meeting of the committee and discussing this. I will also be bringing our auditor and treasurer together to go over the fundamentals of running an enterprise fund.

“We need to get this golf course back on track.”

Overall, business has been good at the golf course. Revenues for the fiscal year finished more than \$20,000 ahead of last year’s mark. Perry also said reports he re-

ceived for July and August have been positive for sales.

He is concerned, however, about the mismanagement of the bills and accounting. A special meeting of the council was called on July 14 to pay bills carried over from fiscal 2015 in order to balance the budget by the July 15 deadline.

In addition to bills being submitted late, Councilor Donald Rheault questioned whether or not the golf course had the money to pay the bills. The transfers to pay the latest bills came from the town’s general fund.

“It seems like there is always an excuse for the golf course,” said Rheault. “Something really needs

to be done at the administrative level. I find it difficult to support this.”

Councilor Cecilia Calabrese agreed. “It really starts to make you lose faith in this enterprise,” said Calabrese.

Perry has not determined a specific date for the ad-hoc committee, but the Golf Committee, a group appointed by the mayor, will meet at the golf course on Thursday morning at 8 a.m. Councilor James Cichetti said he will be in attendance to address his concerns.

Are you teed off?

Is it time for Agawam to get out of the golf business? Or does the current management just need more time to return the course to sustained profitability? Share your opinion in a letter to the editor at aan@turley.com.

‘Public Safety Day’ free for area families

Insurance Center of New England, 1070 Suffield St., Agawam, will hold “Public Safety Day” from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17. This free family community event will include a tour of fire engines, raffles, face painting and a K-9 demonstration.

Among the featured guests will be members of the Agawam Fire

Department, Agawam Police Department, the American Red Cross, Shriners clowns and local radio personalities. Food will be available for purchase from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Attendees will be able to color a pumpkin and spray a fire hose.

For more information, call Marie Rosema at 413-750-7109 or email mrosema@icne.com.

The Joint Connection

Wednesday, September 30, 9 – 11 a.m.

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The Joint Connection is an educational program designed for patients who are thinking about, or preparing for, a hip, knee or shoulder replacement surgery. This program will help educate patients and their loved ones about joint replacement surgery, how to prepare before surgery, and care options and recovery after surgery.

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Eight dancers from Impressions Academy of Dance, 848 Suffield St., Agawam, were selected to compete at the World Dance Championships this past July at the Meadowlands Expo Center in New Jersey. Jillian Scott, Sydney Cosgrove, Kaeli Olson, Madelyn Dion, Julia Nicosia, Sage Sarrazin, Sabrina McBride and Amelia Ellison performed their award-winning hip-hop number to “Calling All the Monsters.” The dancers were semifinalists at the championships. Choreography was done by Melissa Landry, director, and Kellie Cormier, assistant. SUBMITTED PHOTO

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 28: Chicken strips, dipping sauce, steamed peas, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Mozzarella sticks, baked potato, seasoned corn, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, warm breadstick, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 2: General Tso's chicken, Asian vegetables, fortune cookies, orange slices, chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL
ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL
AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday, Sept. 28: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Corn dogs, smart food, corn on the cob, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Ziti with meat sauce, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Oct. 2: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.

ROBINSON PARK SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 28: Baked mozzarella sticks with marinara sauce, whipped potatoes, carrot sticks, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Popcorn chicken bites with dipping sauce, whipped potatoes, seasoned green beans, fresh and chilled fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Corn dogs, smart food, corn on the cob, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Ultra-grain stuffed crust cheese pizza, salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit, baked cookie.
Friday, Oct. 2: Ziti with meat sauce, whole-wheat breadstick, steamed broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST MENU

Monday, Sept. 28: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, cinnamon graham crackers, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Tuesday, Sept. 29: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Nutri-Grain bars, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Wednesday, Sept. 30: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted muffins, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Thursday, Oct. 1: Assorted low-sugar cereal, 1 percent low-fat milk, assorted Trix yogurt, mozzarella cheese string, chilled juice.
Friday, Oct. 2: Pillsbury mini chocolate chip pancakes with syrup for dipping, mozzarella cheese string, chilled 1 percent low-fat milk, chilled juice.

Agawam High School Counseling bulletin

Open Houses: Those interested in meeting with any of the following college or university representatives must sign up at least one day in advance in the Counseling Center: Wagner College, 8 a.m. Monday; University of New Hampshire, 9 a.m. Monday; UConn, 12:30 p.m. Tuesday; Salve Regina, 1 p.m. Tuesday; Plymouth State, 10 a.m. Friday; AIC, 12:30 p.m., Friday.

College Fair: Admissions staff members from more than 80 colleges and universities will be visiting Agawam High School for a college fair on Friday, Oct. 23 from 8:15 to 10 a.m. Students should prepare a list of questions to ask college representatives.

Exploring Educational Excellence: A travel consortium of Brown University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Rice University and the University of Chicago will host an information session for interested students and their families at the Hartford Marriott Farmington, 15 Farm Springs Road, Farmington, Conn., on Thursday, Oct. 8. Register online at exploringeducationalexcellence.org.

National Hispanic College Fair: AIC will be hosting this event on Wednesday, Oct. 21, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Register online at collegefair.info.

Special interest programs

The University of Connecticut School of Engineering will host its Inaugural Women in Engineering Day on Thursday, Sept. 24. Young women in their junior or senior year of high school are welcome to attend. Space for the program is limited and registration will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Register at womenschoolofengineering.uconn.edu.

Springfield College will host a free Game Lab Workshop on Saturday, Oct. 17. This program will allow students to talk with video game industry experts, experience the field firsthand, get to see how games are made and what it takes to make a game of their own. Register at springfieldcollege.edu/gamelab.

Elms College is offering an Advanced Placement program which allows eligible students to enroll in one three-credit course in the spring semester and receive full college transfer credit to the Elms or another academic institution of their choice. While tuition is waived, students will pay a \$20 registration fee and \$50 technology fee. Registration for the spring semester is Jan. 20. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

STCC is again offering the chance for current juniors and seniors to take up to one free course in the spring and summer semesters through the College Now program. This is an opportunity to earn college credits while in high school while trying courses that may be helpful in exploring a potential career interest. Those interested should see their counselor for more information.

WNEU will offer a five-week mini law school program for students interested in a career in law. This is offered Tuesdays, Oct. 20 through Nov. 17, from 6-8 p.m. It is offered free of charge for any high school student with a valid student identification. Register at wne.edu/mini-law-school.

Scholarship information

Students should see their counselor or visit the websites for more information or an application.

U.S. Senate Youth Scholarship Program, Wendy's Heisman Award, AES Engineers, Naval Reserve Officers Training Corps (NROTC).

Meritaid.com: On this free website, students can complete a profile and then access the college merit scholarships that match their profile. This organization does not sell its email lists to third parties. The site includes a comprehensive directory of merit scholarships and academic scholarships across the country.

Did You Know: The “best” college for a student is not necessarily the most prestigious but the college that offers a student the most opportunities to develop his or her interests.

Historical Association to sponsor writing contest

The Agawam Historical Association will once again sponsor a “Scary Story” writing contest. The contest is open to third-through sixth-graders, with prizes going to the best story in each grade. Each story must start with, “It was a dark and stormy night ...” and end with “... and they were never seen again.”

Stories must be no more than four pages long, typed and double-spaced, and set in the 1700s at the historic Thomas Smith House on 251 N. West St. in Feeding Hills. Included on a separate page, but attached to the story, should be the author's name, grade, school, phone number and parent's email address. Entries will be accepted be-

tween Sept. 21 and Oct. 16 in the red box at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St.

Winners will be notified by Oct. 16. The winning stories will be read at the “Star, Serenade and Stone Soup Candlelight Evening” Friday, Oct. 23, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Thomas Smith House.

In cooperation with the Agawam School Department, contest rules will be available to all students in grades 3 through 6 in their respective schools.

For information about the history of Agawam and Feeding Hills or the Thomas Smith House, visit the Agawam Public Library or email AgawamHistoricalAssoc@gmail.com.

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needn't worry about missing out — another order of conewiches is on the way. That's good news not only for fairgoers looking for a new way to experience a classic comfort food, but also for the local charities, scholarships and youth programs that depend on the Lions Club for funding.

Only three bakeries in the United States make the “conewich” bread. Earlier this week, as supplies at the Big E dwindled, the Lions ordered a rush shipment of more than 7,000 additional cones from a baker in Minnesota.

“They’re working all night” to beat the Friday deadline to deliver more cones, said Sienkiewicz.

More conewiches means more money for causes such as the DARE anti-drug program at the schools, robotics clubs, scouting organizations scholarships and local eye-care and free eyewear programs.

“We give away \$50,000 a year,” said Dick Lanier, the local Lions Club’s secretary. “That’s what this is all about.”

The workers at the Lions Club eatery — Lions and Lioness members, friends and relatives of members, more than 40 Honor Society kids from Agawam High School — are all volunteers.

Though the bacon mac-and-cheese conewich is by far the best seller, other fillings are also available. Using the same bread cone, customers can order a chili

conewich or a pulled barbecue chicken conewich. The Lions also offer a cinnamon raisin toast conewich filled with fruit and whipped cream.

Also new this year on the Lions menu are barbecue baby back ribs and a family-sized value meal. Harry Camyre, chairman of the Lions' Big E Chicken Barbecue, said these changes were prompted by declining revenues over the past few years.

After last year's fair, the Lions asked Big E administrators for advice on how to boost sales. They suggested accepting credit cards — also a first for the Lions this year — and coming up with some new menu item that would become a destination treat for fairgoers. The Lions decided on the conewich after reading about it being served at the Wisconsin State Fair, and ordered 4,800 cones without having seen or tasted the product themselves.

"We bought this on blind faith," said Sienkiewicz.

Through the first weekend of sales, the mac-and-cheese conewich was not only the best-selling conewich, but the best-selling food item of any kind at the Lions Club stand. The Big E is open daily through Oct. 4 at the Eastern States Exposition grounds on Memorial Avenue in West Springfield, just across the bridge from Agawam.

The only other place on the East Coast to find a conewick, said Sienkiewicz, is Disney World in Florida.



TOP: Volunteer servers pause before the dinnertime rush on Tuesday evening.

MIDDLE: Dick Lanier sprays the Lions Club's secret recipe barbecue sauce onto the chickens — despite this year's innovations, still the mainstay of the menu.

BOTTOM: The Lions mascot tries to drum up some business at the Lions Club takeout window at the Big E on Tuesday evening. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



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SPORTS

GIRLS SOCCER

Montagna nets second half equalizer

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Chicopee Comp and Agawam girls soccer teams met last week in a Kurty Fielding matchup and as two evenly match, they finished with a 2-2 tie.

The game was distinct over the two halves. The Colts dominated the play for the better part of the first half and had a 2-0 lead with 6:00 left. Agawam got on the board with 1:10 to go and carried that over for most of the second half, where it was they who possessed the ball for most those 40 minutes. They tied it midway through the second frame and had numerous chances for most of the final 20 minutes.

The Brownies got off the first shot in the second minute as Jill Scherpa put one on goal from 15 yards out. Brianna Correa made the stop. In the fifth minute, Hannah Chapdelaine broke in and sent a 20-yarder over the goal. A minute later, it was back at the other end and Sarah Carron sent a shot to the left of Correa.

Comp cleared and quickly moved the ball in on Jenna Beach. Chapdelaine, who had brought



Sabrina Dubiel tries to retain possession of the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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FOOTBALL

Scuderi runs over Pacers

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE - The Agawam football team has shown through games thus far an ability to run over its opponents with a very successful ground game. With Nick Scuderi running for 140 yards, and scoring four touchdowns, the Brownies rolled past Chicopee to a 49-6 win.

Through two games, the Brownies have broken the 40 point in each and totaled 635 on the ground in those games. Scuderi has been a force in each, but he was particularly effective in this one.

Agawam scored a touchdown on its first four possessions and

Scuderi, who ran for 91 yards in the first half, had three of them. After Chicopee was unable to sustain their initial drive after some promising yards, the Brownies went to work and took a quick lead. They never looked back after that.

On the game's opening drive, the Pacers' running attack moved the ball 29 yards on four plays and they picked up two first downs. Isaiah Jackson took the ball for 12 yards and a first down. Runs of 7 and 8 yards by Ramiro Cruz yielded another first down. Jackson gained 2 and Chicopee had moved from their 14 to the 43. But that was as far as they would get. The



Agawam's Mike Basile (19) wraps up a Chicopee ballcarrier. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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FIELD HOCKEY

Lancers stumbling block for Agawam

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - After a great start to the regular season, the Agawam field hockey team ran into its first, but very familiar roadblock in Longmeadow last Thursday night.

The Lancers left Agawam with a 4-0 victory over the Brownies and handed the Brownies their first loss of the season.

Agawam tried in vain to keep up with the Lancers throughout the game, but Longmeadow has

always been a historically powerful team.

Longmeadow scored their first goal of the game just five minutes in when Allie Erwin tallied on a really hard shot.

The Lancers were swarming the Agawam goal and goalie Nikki Bates.

One hard shot was bounced off Bates' pads and came to a stop just outside the goal. Erwin was following her shot in and shot the rebound in to the open part of the goal to give Longmeadow the 1-0 lead.

The second goal came 11 minutes in when Sarah Brown took an insert pass on a penalty corner. She fielded the pass perfectly, and made a windup and hard slapshot right at the Agawam goal to make it 2-0.

The Brownies were able to hold off the Lancers and stay in the game for the next 18 minutes until Longmeadow started to attack again. The Lancers would score with about 27 seconds remaining in the half after a scrum

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BOYS SOCCER

Brownies hold off Colts

By Gregory A. Scibelli
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam boys soccer team is not taking anything for granted this season, and working hard for 80 minutes is what they are all about.

Despite owning possession for the majority of the game, the Brownies were only able to manage one goal against Chicopee Comp in a 1-0 victory last Wednesday night at home.

Agawam has yet to be defeated this season and has already gone toe-to-toe with several of the best teams in the region.

The Colts gave them a similar challenge, especially in the second half.

"This was a game where we could have easily been up three or four goals at halftime," said Agawam coach Tom Smith. "But we were not able to finish some of our opportunities and credit Comp with staying in the game until the end."

Agawam's lone goal came early in the game.

A little less than 10 minutes in, Jonny Kelley sent the ball to the right side, where it was met by Tym Regnier. Regnier closed in at about 20 yards out, then made his move to the goal.

Regnier would make a stutter step at the goalkeeper and then shot high toward the upper left corner of the net and score the only goal of the game.

The Brownies continued to control possession for the rest of the first half. The Brownies used several different runs, but no

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Sam Rubacha tries to get control of the ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Dan Korotich tries to get the ball under control. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

Sports

AHS athletics 21st annual Golf Tournament to be held Sept. 26

AGAWAM - The Agawam High School Athletic Department invites the public to participate in its 21st annual golf tournament to be held Saturday, Sept. 26 at Oak Ridge Country Club.

This tournament raises money to help support the athletes and coaches of the Agawam High School programs. Student athletes do not pay fees at Agawam high school as some do in other

communities. Please join us for an enjoyable day and support a good cause.

If you would like to golf in the tournament or participate in any way, please contact Dave Stratton in the Athletic Office at 821-0529 or at dstratton@agawampublicschools.org.

Sign up forms are available in the Athletic Office as well.

Agawam Youth Wrestling club signups

AGAWAM - The Agawam Youth Wrestling club will be holding registrations for the upcoming season.

They will take place at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 29 and Thursday, Oct. 22 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library.

The cot is \$80 per wrestler.

This program is for kids in grades K-8.

For more information, contact head coach Bob Schwein at 413-222-6548 or Amy Mendrala at 413-478-9734.

Agawam Athletic Association Suburban and CYO basketball tryout dates set

AGAWAM - The Agawam Athletic Association (AAA) is a non-profit organization founded to promote the sport of basketball for Agawam's youth.

For over 35 years the Agawam Athletic Association has sponsored the most talented and competitive travel teams in Agawam youth basketball for girls and boys in grades 3 thru 8. Our association's travel basketball teams compete against the best Suburban and CYO basketball talent throughout the greater Springfield area.

Tryouts for boys will be: Tuesday, Sept. 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. for fifth grade boys and from 7 to 9 p.m. for sixth grade boys.

Thursday, Oct. 1 - 5 to 6:30 p.m. for third grade boys and from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. for fourth grade boys.

Wednesday Oct. 7 - 5 to 7 p.m. for seventh grade boys and 7 to 9 p.m. for eighth grade boys.

Try-outs for girls will be: Friday, Oct. 2 - 5 to 6:30 p.m. for third and fourth grade girls and 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. for fifth grade girls.

Tuesday, Oct. 6 - 5 to 7 p.m. for sixth grade girls and 7 to 9 p.m. for seventh and eighth grade girls.

All tryouts will be held at Agawam Junior High School and players should arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled time.

Need coach for girls fourth grade and boys third grade teams. If interested please contact George at contact info below.

For more information and/or questions about the Agawam Athletic Association Suburban and CYO basketball program please contact George Circosta at GeoCircosta@comcast.net or 413-374-2283. Information can also be found on our website: www.leaguelineup.com/agawamaa.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

Terriers turn back Brownies

By Gregory A. Scibelli

Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

AGAWAM - The Agawam girls volleyball team dropped to 2-2 on the regular season after suffering a 3-1 loss last Thursday evening at nearby West Springfield High School.

Agawam was able to overcome an early deficit to tie the score 1-1, but West Springfield would win the third and fourth games to close out the set in convincing fashion.

The matchup started out in promising fashion with the Brownies going up 3-1 early in the first game.

But West Springfield came back to score three straight points, and eventually took an 8-4 lead.

The Brownies then made a comeback of their own started with a great short hit from Bianca Culhane. The Brownies then varied how they were returning the ball, and closed the gap to 10-8.



Madison Lockwood makes a backwards bump return. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

West Springfield then got a couple of aces and widened the gap again to 14-9. Agawam then utilized some good fortune, including two kills and a block by Caroline Hitchcock to tie the score 14-14.

With the score tied 15-15, Paige Hardy scored a quick tip over to give Agawam its first lead since the beginning of the game.

Agawam would be able to take a two-point lead thanks to a kill from Culhane and went up 18-16, but West Springfield would again come back and tie the score 19-19. The Terriers would then score points on the next six volleys to take a 25-19 win for the Terriers.

Agawam trailed at several different points throughout the second game, including deficits of 6-3, 7-3, and 11-7. But the Brownies were able to come back from each deficit, and eventually closed out the second game with a four-point margin of their own 25-21.

The momentum stopped there

for Agawam as West Springfield captured easy victories in the final two games of the set 25-14, and 25-10.

"The girls have been playing all right to start," said coach Pat Demers. "But they started to struggle after the second game."

Hitchcock would finish the game with seven kills. Meghan D'Amours had four and Culhane finished with three. Hitchcock also registered two aces and a team-high 17 digs for the Brownies.

Culhane finished the game with 10 digs and three kills.

Agawam is now 2-2 this season. The Brownies were able to shut out Ludlow 3-0 last Tuesday evening. Their first win of the season was a 3-2 win over Chicopee Comprehensive.

Agawam also had a matchup on Monday against Westfield.

Coming up, the Brownies will host Frontier on Tuesday at 6 p.m.



Abbey Viens makes a return hit.

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Agawam's Anthony Adams (20) rushes around the edge. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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next five plays sent them backward and put them into a punting situation. They were sent back 5 yards on a false start, a 3-yard loss made it third-and-16 and an incomplete pass forced them to punt with the line of scrimmage being the 35. A bad snap and a 20-yard loss gave the ball to Agawam at the Chicopee 15.

Nick Scuderi then ran three of the next four plays. He gained 2, then lost 1. Chris Morassi picked up 3 to make it fourth-and-6 from the Pacers 11. The Brownies opted to go for it and Scuderi took it off tackle and into the end zone. Aidan Page kicked the extra point and with just over 5:00 played, Agawam had a 7-0 lead.

As they had in their first series, the Pacers picked up a first down on the first play. Cruz went for 11 yards to take it from the Chicopee 41 to the Agawam 48. They gained 7 yards on the next three plays and had to punt.

In their first possession, the Brownies needed just 15 yards to get into the end zone. This time they started at their 18 and eight plays later they were in the end zone once again. Seven of them were on the ground. Scuderi ran for 5 and 1. On third-and-4 Troy Gallerani hit Max Molta for a 16-yard pick up. Now at the 40, the Brownies had some room. Gallerani ran for 6 and Scuderi for 2. On third-and-2, Dominic Grassetti picked more than enough as he rambled for 32 yards to the Chicopee 21-yard line. On second-and-6 after Scuderi ran for 4, Grassetti took it for a 17-yard touchdown. The quarter ended with that play and Agawam had a 14-0 lead.

The game changed dramatically in the second quarter, especially on each team's first two possessions. Chicopee went three and out on both, gaining a total of seven yards in those six plays. They had to punt after each and the second one was blocked. On their two possessions, the Brownies ran nine plays and gained 109 yards, scoring in each series. They started the first at their 46 and marched 54 yards in six plays. The big plays were a 13-yard run by Marcus Williams on first-and-20 from the Chicopee 49; then runs of 11 and 25 yards by Scuderi that got Agawam their third touchdown in as many possessions. The blocked punt gave them the ball at their 45. On first down, Morassi ran for 35 yards to the 20. After an incomplection, Scuderi took it in for his third touchdown of the game. With the extra point, Agawam led 28-0. The Pacers high point of the game, came on the next series. Joe Morales gained one on first down. Then Cruz broke through the defensive line at the Chicopee 46 and he out ran everyone for a 54-yard touchdown. The Pacers two-point attempt failed and it was 28-6. After holding the Brownies to a three and out and then blocking a punt, the Pac-



Agawam's Aiden Page (80) kicks as Troy Gallerani (10) was the holder.

ers took over at the Agawam 32 with 1:40 to go in the half. If they could score, the momentum would be on their side going into the second half. On a series of runs, three by Cruz, they got to the 17. Cruz had a 10-yard gain for a first down, but time ran out and the score remained at 28-6 at the half.

The Brownies put the game away in the third quarter. After the second half kickoff, they started at midfield. On the first play Scuderi's 40-yard run put it at the 10. Williams for 1; Scuderi for 4, Morassi for 4 and 1 and it was 35-6. Chicopee moved the ball from their 23 to the Agawam 48, picking up two first downs on a 9-yard Jackson run and a 13-yarder by Cruz, but they gave the ball up on downs. It took just five plays for Agawam to get the 52 yards and another touchdown. The big play was a 38-yard pass from Gallerani to Morassi on third-and-5. Williams scored the touchdown with a 5-yard run. The kickoff backed up Chicopee to their 5-yard line. A 3-yard loss and a fumble recovery by David Rodriguez gave it back to Agawam at the 2. Scuderi got his fourth touchdown on the first play and with 42 seconds left in the third, it was 49-6.

The fourth quarter was a time for the reserves on both teams. Chicopee had the ball three times went three and out twice. The third possession was when time ran out. Agawam had a fumble and a turnover on downs in the fourth quarter.

Scuderi got those 140 yards on 16 carries, while both Chris Morassi and Dominic Grassetti both had 49 for the game. They each scored a touchdown. With five for 27 yards, Marcus Williams also got into the scoring parade with the seventh touchdown.

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Agawam's Sydney O'Keefe (7) looks to send the ball up the field with her kick. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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over midfield was hauled down soon after getting inside the Agawam zone. She was awarded a free kick and sent it into a crowd in front of the goal. Kathleen Brooks was there to head it past Beach, some 6:48 into the first half, giving the Lady Colts a 1-0 lead.

They kept up the pressure and in the ninth minute, Brooks and Stephanie Beaulieu each had shots near the goal. Natalie Pullen sent one over the goal in the 11th minute and there was not much until the 15th, when Maureen Pycko was wide left from 20 yards. With the ball still in deep, Samantha Wegrzyn put one just to the right of the goal. Pycko also has one that was just to the left in the same minute. Wegrzyn was on goal in the 21st from 12 yards and a minute later Carina Facchini was wide left from 15 yards.

Scherpa had a couple of shots in the 25th and 27th minutes, one wide to the right and then other off to the left. Both came from 12 yards. Comp quickly cleared and Facchini put one over the goal. Two minutes later, Brooks was wide right and Ashley Rouleau was wide right.

The Lady Colts kept up the pressure over the next four minutes, rarely letting the ball to get past midfield. That pressure paid off, as Ashley Girouard slid a pass from the middle to Brooks at the side about 8 yards out. She sent the ball to the far corner, well out of the reach of Beach. With 6:28, the Lady Colts had a 2-0 lead.

As the half got down to the final three minutes, Agawam picked up the pace and got off some shots. it was Sydney O'Keefe from 12 with 3:15 to go; Caitlyn Shean had a shot wide left in the 38th minute and another in that same possession. Chicopee cleared and Wegrzyn got off a shot from 40, that was easily handled by Beach.

Back came the Brownies and with just under a minute to go, Allie Wysocki zipped a shot from 18 yards off Correa. It rebounded to Carron who had an open net in front of her. She easily scored the goal with 40.7 second to go in the half.

With it being a one-point game, the Brownies kept pushing. In the second Wysocki was wide left, while a minute later, Carron was also wide left. Wegrzyn put one on goal for Comp in the third min-



Agawam's Rayna Ramirez (14) looks to settle the ball down with the inside of her foot.

ute, but the next 10 minutes belonged to Agawam. In the seventh, it was O'Keefe on goal with Felicia Delaney stopping the puck. Alyssa Montagna was over the goal in the 10th and in the 13th, Wysocki was wide right from 30 yards. Even when they weren't shooting, the Brownies were controlling the play. In the 11th, Pullen was left from the 15 and later in that minute, Shean was on goal from the right. Delaney had the save.

Agawam possessed and though they did not get of any shots over the next 6:00, the kept the ball in from of Delaney. The Lady Colts cleared and Agawam brought it right back in and then they set it up. Carron sent a pass across the field from right to left, finding Montagna 8 yards out. She found a space between Delaney and the post and drove it home for the equalizer at 19:47.

The Brownies brought the ball right back in and got off a number of shoots over the next 6:00. Scherpa was wide right in the 23rd and O'Keefe was off to left in the 25th. Shean sent a 15-yarder from the middle right on Delaney in the 28th. Just past the 30-minute mark, Scherpa was on goal from 20 on the left. Montagna rocked Delaney with a 30-yarder in the 32nd minute. Wysocki had a free kick from the 22-yard line with 6:30 left that went goal ward. Delaney caught the ball at the top of her jump.

The final minutes were more in favor of Comp, with Celine Delaronde putting one on goal from the right side about 15 yards out with 2:56 to play. Brooks hit the side of the net with a 1:30 to go and Rouleau nearly connected with her on a cross with a minute left.

Agawam had the last best chance as Carron broke in past the defense with 30 seconds left, but she was ridden off by Rouleau and Jessikha Ribeiro. The ball was cleared and the game ended in a 2-2 tie. The Brownies played West Side to a scoreless tie in their next game of the week and are now 1-1-2 on the season.

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developed in front of the Agawam goal. The ball was boxed around in several directions before the Lancers finally scored to make it 3-0 at halftime. The Lancers were able to cruise through the second half and were never in any major trouble during the second half. They grabbed another goal during the second half to put the match well out of reach. Longmeadow goalie Deidre Barry was only challenged once. Bates made seven saves in the loss. Last Tuesday night, the Brownies' new coach Karen Gomez had her first matchup against her old team, Westfield. Under the lights, Agawam would get single goals in each half to pick up a 2-0 victory over the Bombers.

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Nicole Mercadante moves up the field.



Gabby Lescarbeau defends against Longmeadow's offense. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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more connected with the Comp goal during the first half. Comp had a couple of chances of their own, but Agawam's speed on defense and good goalkeeping by Sean Moore kept the Colts out of their goal. As the first half progressed, Comp's defense had no choice but to swarm in order to keep Agawam from scoring again. Agawam was aggressive out of the gate in the second half, with Luis Nieves having a few different chances on the goal. Anthony Sciartelli took a good shot about 15 yards out, but it just missed the goal. With about 24 minutes to go in the game, the Brownies did get a corner kick. But that opportunity did not succeed. Time out was called with about 13:00 remaining. Comp came out aggressive after that pause in play, and did make a couple of runs up the field. But Moore and the Agawam defense stopped the Colts again. Agawam had a chance to ice the game with less than 6:00 remaining, with a service pass to Nieves. Nieves had a great header, but it went off the left post to keep the score 1-0. Moore made eight saves for the Brownies while Comp's Curtis Hilton finished with 12 saves. Agawam battled back last Friday from being down 2-0 to tie Minnechaug 2-2. Agawam is now 2-0-2 this season. Coming up, the Brownies will be in action Friday at home against Central at 4 p.m.

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Comp's Bryan Atimbo looks for an opening up the field.



Nate O'Connor collides with Agawam's Luis Nieves for a 50/50 ball.

Fun day at Jamboree

WESTFIELD - It was a winning day for Agawam youth field hockey last weekend at the Westfield State University Jamboree. Teams from Agawam, Holyoke, Longmeadow, Wilbraham and Westfield came together for the tournament on Saturday, Sept. 13. Each team played four games and earned points throughout the tournament for wins and goals. At the end of the four games, the two top Junior level teams were Agawam Junior White and Agawam Junior Orange. After a 20-minute final face off game the teams were tied 0-0. The game went into a shootout where each shooter had a total of 8 seconds to make a goal. After the first round of the shootout, where three girls from each team attempted to make a shot, the teams were still tied. Another three girls from each team completed round two of the shootout. Agawam Junior White came out on top after the very exciting finish from both teams. In a moment that was truly touching to all, both teams came together for a group hug, proving that it was truly a win for Agawam field hockey as a whole. The Junior White team players were: Mia Wood, Chrissy Grasso, Elizabeth Santore, Emily Allen, Emily Gamelli, Amber Bates, Kaylee

Randall, Gianna Quick, Madison Bennett, Jillian Scott, Gabriella Shayda, Rhea Coyer, Gabriella Dickinson, Sophia Giordano, Kaycie McColley and Sam Mielnikowski. Coaches were Tricia Randall and Braidy Zavisza. Agawam Junior Orange team players were: Delaney Cavanaugh, Kylen Hartmann, Zoe Levesque, Ava Oldenburg, Morgan Polevoy, Alina Quinones, Emily Sanchez, Kaylee Seldomridge, Kyley Gottier, Dayne Miller, Mila Mullins, Giana Nigro, Julia Recchia, Isabella Roy and Mckenzie Taylor. Coaches were Jamison Gottier and Missy Oldenburg.



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Tym Regnier gets set to make a pass. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI

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maintenance, the Agawam resident will be directly involved in the renovation or construction of any town building or school.

"Our department works jointly with other town departments to coordinate work on any large projects," he said. "Once the project is completed, my department is responsible for maintaining the building and doing any repair work."

The Building Maintenance Department operates out of the former DPW building on Main Street near River Road. The facility, renovated in 2011, is named after Anthony Albro, the former long-time director of the department. It became the department's new home following its relocation from space it had at the high school.

Responsible for purchasing supplies for town facilities — including all the schools and Town Hall — White's department oversees a central shipping and receiving area near its offices. A storage facility built to store paper supplies and other materials allows the department to buy supplies in bulk to save money.

The department also provides custodial services for all town buildings and schools. Addition-

ally, its employees handle all the required mechanical maintenance, including much of the electrical, heating and cooling, plumbing, and carpentry work.

Digital age

However, White said his biggest challenge probably won't be dealing with the town's physical structures. Rather, it will be with the technology required to transition the department from paper to electronic work-order and supply-order tracking systems.

"We need to standardize our forms for the computer age, digitize our records, and move to doing things more electronically rather than by hard-typing everything," he said.

It's a task that White is well-qualified to tackle.

"For 21 years, I've maintained the plumbing and mechanical systems and have overseen the computer-based energy management systems within the town," said the 1968 AHS graduate.

White said he applied for the director's position because he felt his private and public sector experience — along with his knowledge of town facilities — made him a good candidate. Mayor Richard Cohen said White's experience and years as "an exemplary employee" made

him the interview committee's unanimous choice.

"Doug was highly recommended to me as the new director and I was pleased to accept this recommendation based on my experience working with Doug over the years," added Cohen.

'A strong leader'

Cohen also said White is well-liked by all the employees he supervises.

"Doug will be a strong leader in his capacity as the new director," said the mayor. "I look forward to working with him in his new position."

White, who was just a year old when his parents moved to Feeding Hills, said he's delighted to be involved with the process of maintaining the town's facilities and working with a group of dedicated employees.

"I've had the pleasure to work with two great directors, Tony Albro and Roger Kupec. I plan to bring the same commitment to the town and the department's personnel that they did," he said. "Each day brings a new challenge, but I plan to take it one step, one day at a time, with an eye on the future needs of our town's facilities."



Doug White is the new director of the Agawam Building Maintenance Department. He previously served as the department's deputy director. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK



LEFT: Doug White, the new director of building maintenance, talks with Mayor Richard Cohen at the department's Main Street facility.

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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD14P1349PM
In the matter of:
Yiota Adamopoulos
of Agawam, MA
Protected Person/
Disabled Person/
Respondent
CITATION GIVING
NOTICE OF
CONSERVATOR'S
ACCOUNT**

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Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 16, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
9/24/15

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Docket No. HD13P0206PM
In the matter of:
Carol Gaynor
Of: Agawam, MA
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Witness, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 16, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Hampden Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD15P1758EA
Estate of: Paul G Query
Date of Death: 08/25/2011
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PETITION FOR
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ADJUDICATION**

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Date: September 15, 2015
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
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Robert E. Rossi, Chairman
Administrative
Sub-Committee
9/24/15

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OUR CALENDAR SECTION is intended to promote free events, or those that directly affect a volunteer-driven organization. Paid events that are not deemed benefits do not qualify. Non-charitable events that charge the public for profit are not allowed as we consider that paid advertising. The deadline to submit calendar items is Monday at noon. Send to the Agawam Advertiser News at aan@turley.com, fax to 413-786-8457, or mail to 23 Southwick St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030. We usually print at least one week prior to an event. The listings should be brief with only time, date, location, activity explanation and contact information.

Friday, Sept. 25

CELEBRATE GRANBY will take place today from 5 to 9 p.m., Saturday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Salmon Brook Park, Granby, Conn. It will include a carnival with games and rides, food vendors, live music, wine tastings and a car show.

Saturday, Sept. 26

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK RAIL TRAIL AND THE SOUTHWICK HISTORICAL SOCIETY will host a 1.8-mile historical guided walk on the rail trail at 10 a.m. The event is free. Food and beverages may be purchased at Red Riding Hood's Basket, 108 Congamond Road. For more information, visit www.southwickrailtrail.org.

THE SUFFIELD PAN-MASS CHALLENGE KIDS RIDE PASTA DINNER will be held from 5 to 8 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church, Mountain Road, Suffield. Tickets sold at the door are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children and free for children under 5. All proceeds to benefit the Jimmy Fund. Take-out and gluten-free options available. For more information, call 860-796-3644 or email cnikolis@cox.net.

Wednesday, Sept. 30

SPRINGFIELD UNDER THE STARS will present a showing of "Office Space" as part of its series of free outdoor movies, at Stearns Square park in downtown Springfield. A photo booth, refreshments and music will start at 5 p.m., followed by the movie at 6:30 p.m. For more information, visit SpringfieldDowntown.com/Springfield-Under-The-Stars.

Friday, Oct. 2

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S APPLAUSE SERIES continues when Jimmy Mazz brings his Las Vegas Legends all-star tribute show to the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St., at 7 p.m. Free admittance. More information available at www.agawamcc.org.

THE SUFFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY welcomes author Deborah Child from 2 to 4 p.m. at Academy Hall, 1499 Mountain Road, West Suffield,, for a lecture about Richard Brunton, an 18th century engraver and sometime counterfeiter, who lived in West Suffield for a short time. Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 3

THE TOLLAND COUNCIL ON AGING, in conjunction with Porchlight VNA of Lee will host a health fair from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Public Safety Complex, 206 W. Granville Road, Tolland and will include flu shots, chair massages, Reiki, information on Telehealth monitoring, nutritional counseling and information on SHINE.

Sunday, Oct. 4

A CARD AND COLLECTIBLE SHOW will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Chicopee Boys and Girls Club, 580 Meadow St. Admission \$1; kids under 10 free. Over 40 tables, a door prize drawing every 30 minutes, and the club is handicap accessible. For more information, call (413) 593-6046.

LUDLOW NATIVE TIM MACRI will perform a selection of solo flute pieces by Bach, Ferroud, Monteverdi and American composer Randall Thompson at Second Baptist Church, 100 N. Main St., Suffield at 1 p.m. Free-will offering will be taken. More information available at 860-668-1661.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trin-

ity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Sarah Briggs on violin, Jean Jeffries on French horn, and Monica Jakuc Leverett on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email firgo9654@aol.com.

Saturday, Oct. 10

THE ITALIAN CULTURAL CENTER will host "Festa Italia! A Taste of Italy, Food and Wine," from 5-8 p.m. at the Cedars Banquet Hall, 375 Island Pond Road, Springfield. Free admission. Food tickets sold at the door for \$1 each. Doors open at 5 p.m. For more information, call 413-784-1492.

THE SOUTHWICK LIONS CLUB will host a tag sale today and tomorrow at the Southwick Florist, 668 College Highway. It will be held rain or shine. Proceeds from this event will help fund local scholarships, eye and hearing research and diabetes research.

Tuesday, Oct. 13

THE FRIENDS OF SUFFIELD will hold a new member social at 7 p.m. at Three Figs Restaurant, 94 Mountain Road, Suffield. Anyone interested in finding out more about what the Friends of Suffield does for the town is invited. For more information, contact Stephanie Dolan at 860-930-0008 or email Shdolan1@gmail.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

THE ELM-BELCHER MASONIC LODGE, 53 River St., Agawam offers an all-you-can-eat spaghetti supper at a cost of \$8 for adults, \$4 for children. The public is welcome.

Saturday, Oct. 17

A VENDOR FAIR will take place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist parish center, 833 Main St., Agawam. An eight-foot table will be provided at no charge. Free lunch is provided for all vendors and crafters. Application deadline is Sept. 19. For more information and applications, call Sandy at 413-786-8024.

A FALL FESTIVAL will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. Approximately 40 artisans and crafters will be present. Back by popular demand this year will be a homemade pie sale, book fair, the Country Lunch Café, raffles and the General Store.

A FREE DOCUMENT-SHREDDING EVENT for residents will take place from 9 a.m. to noon at the Department of Public Works Annex, 1000 Suffield St. Limit confidential documents to five standard size boxes. Three-ring binders and binder clips should be removed. Paper clips, staples, and spiral bound notebooks are all acceptable. For more information, contact the DPW at 413-821-0624.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield, will host a fall craft fair from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Admission is free. All proceeds to benefit the church.

COPPER HILL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 27 Copper Hills Road, East Granby, will host its annual roast pork dinner at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under 12, no charge for preschoolers. To make a reservation, call Mary at 860-653-2834.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

THE TUESDAY MORNING MUSIC CONCERTS at Trinity United Methodist Church, 361 Sumner Ave., Springfield will feature Mary Brown Bonacci, mezzo-soprano, Mark Frasesr on cello, and Estela Olevsky on piano at 10:30 a.m. A reception will follow. For more information, contact Yolanda Martin at 413-736-0766 or email firgo9654@aol.com.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

SU MECK, AUTHOR, will be the featured speaker at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. at Springfield Technical Community College's Scibelli Hall Theater as part of its Ovations series. The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call Philip O'Donoghue at 413-755-4233 or email pcodonoghue@stcc.edu.

ONGOING

THE AGAWAM ST. PATRICK COMMITTEE meets the third Wednesday of each month, September through June, at 6:30 p.m. at St. John the Evangelist Rectory conference room, 833 Main St., Agawam. For information on how to join, call Vera Conway at 413-786-3247 or email Rosemary Sandline at rosemarysandlin@gmail.com

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is held every Thursday afternoon from 12:30 – 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 8. Free parking available. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, honey and bee products, maple syrup, goat meat and goats' milk products, relishes and jams, baked goods, forested pork, free range chicken and eggs, wine, hot cider donuts, and more. SNAP EBT cards accepted. A \$5 transaction will provide SNAP customers \$10 worth of credit.

ADULT DROP-IN SIT AND KNIT meets every Tuesday from 1-3 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. No registration needed.

AGAWAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, 459 Mill St., Agawam, offers "Crochet Club" every other Tuesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. This club is open to all needle-work-

ers, including crocheters, knitters, quilters, and embroiderers. For more information, call 413-786-7991.

THE LADIES GLEE CLUB AND MEN'S CHOIR at the Springfield Turnverein, 60 North Westfield St., Feeding Hills, are back to work. Practice is held every Wednesday with the ladies beginning at 7 p.m. followed by the men at 8:30 p.m. All are welcome. There is space available for anyone interested in joining.

A BREAST CANCER AND MASTECTOMY SUPPORT GROUP meets the fourth Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7:15 p.m. at 2 South Bridge Drive, Suite 1B, Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

AN ALL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP meets the first Tuesday of each month from 6 to 7 p.m. at Sacred Heart Parish Center, 1061 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

A BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP meets the second Wednesday of each month at Heritage Woods Assisted Facility, 462 Main St., Agawam. Registration is required by calling 413-789-0200 or online at www.survivorjourneys.org.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 28: Cheeseburger casserole, Caesar salad, oranges.

Tuesday, Sept. 29: Vegetable chili over baked potato, cheddar cheese broccoli salad, mixed fruit.

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Tortellini soup, chicken breast parmesan grinder, peppers and onions, baked good.

Thursday, Oct. 1: Peppersteak, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, diced pears.

Friday, Oct. 2: Baked fish, au gratin potatoes, buttered spinach, pudding.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Sept. 28: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9 a.m., Painting Club; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 1 p.m., bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

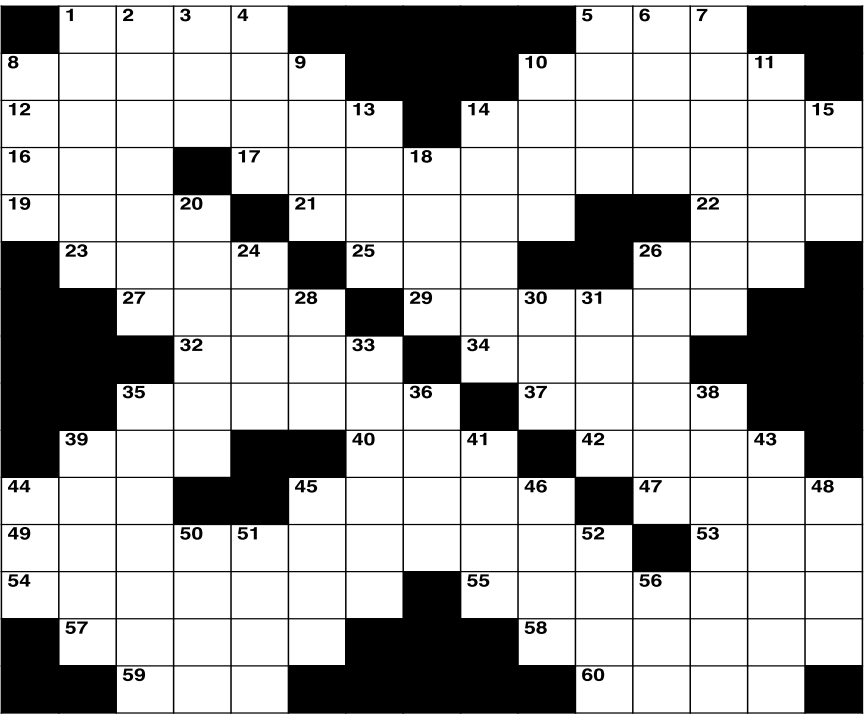
Tuesday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m., exercise, knitting class,

sewing class; 10 a.m., PACE, chair exercise; 12:30 p.m., movie ("Charade"), mah jongg, ladies billiards; 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, Sept. 30: Agawam Day at the Big E; 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., Scrabble, ballroom lessons; 2:30 p.m., bus leaves for the Big E parade, no chapter meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Oct. 1: 9 a.m., exercise class; 9:30 a.m., quilting class; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., open art class, pitch; 6:30 p.m., evening line dancing.

Friday, Oct. 2: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., all media art; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta, nutrition talk with YMCA; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Leg shank
- 5. Small amount
- 8. Roman emperor
- 10. Having ears
- 12. Innocent young woman
- 14. No wrinkles
- 16. Small coin (French)
- 17. 19 hundred hours
- 19. A way to inform
- 21. A seal or signet
- 22. Tobacco smoke residue
- 23. Tai language branch
- 25. Set afire
- 26. Partridge Family's actress Susan
- 27. Canadian flyers
- 29. Faculties of perception
- 32. A light two-wheel carriage

- 34. Was ____ (looked at)
- 35. Appear with
- 37. Natives of Thailand
- 39. Hill (Celtic)
- 40. Runs PCs
- 42. Visualizes
- 44. Mistake
- 45. Riding horses
- 47. Point of purchase
- 49. Armless Aphrodite
- 53. Having negative qualities
- 54. Protective visual folds
- 55. Crystallized calcium carbonate mineral
- 57. Beach grains
- 58. One who presents a bond for payment
- 59. Car mechanics group

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CLUES DOWN

- 1. Small paddle boats
- 2. Usual
- 3. Economic consumption
- 4. Without (French)
- 5. Powder mineral
- 6. Fleшы seed covering
- 7. Indicates
- 8. Stone lined grave
- 9. Feels remorse
- 10. Chemical structure
- 11. Decomposition
- 13. Morally base
- 14. Joins
- 15. Danish krone
- 18. Breastplate
- 20. Lesson reader in church
- 24. 1921 Turkish/Armenian Treaty

- 26. In a way, refutes
- 28. Zoftig
- 30. Fish, hair or inter
- 31. Mains
- 33. Fathers
- 35. Transparent eye membranes
- 36. Stray
- 38. Seafowl
- 39. 3 pip cards
- 41. Invests in little enterprises
- 43. Placards
- 44. 1st woman
- 45. Finds a sum
- 46. Thick piece of something
- 48. River in Hesse, Germany
- 50. Inner forearm bone
- 51. 1 of 2 contesting groups
- 52. Olive tree genus
- 56. Metal container

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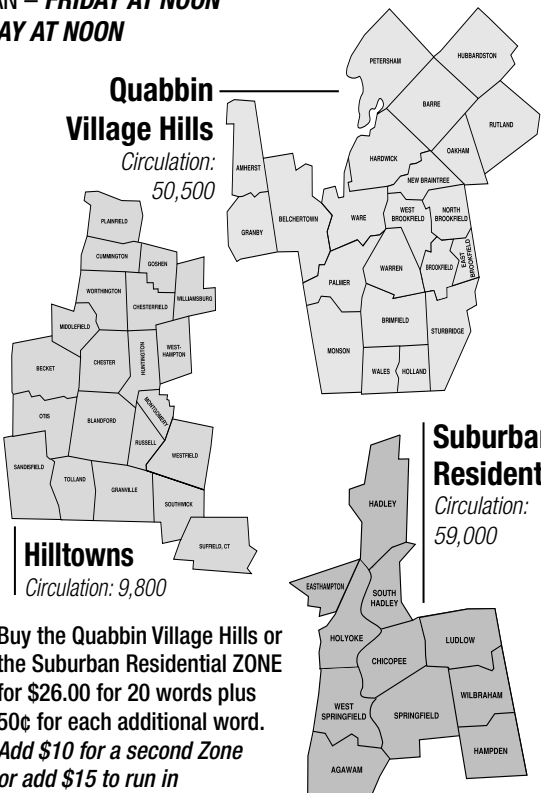
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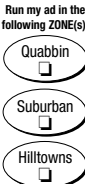
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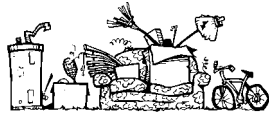
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Kozloski recognized



Mayor Richard Cohen, right, recently presented Henry Kozloski, center, with a proclamation recognizing him for his involvement in and congratulating him for his support of the Agawam Community Preservation Committee. Kozloski, who has served as chairman of the CPC since its creation in 2001, was a 2015 recipient of the statewide Kuehn Community Preservation Award. Pictured with Cohen and Kozloski is Jennifer Bonfiglio, the town's chief procurement officer. SUBMITTED PHOTO

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Each week the Agawam Advertiser News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured. Email your answers by Monday at noon to aan@turley.com. Please include your first and last name.

Last week's photo: There were no correct submissions for last week's photo, David Cecchi.



Oleksak named to Springfield museum board

SPRINGFIELD — Michael J. Oleksak of Feeding Hills was named to the Board of Trustees of the Springfield Museums this month.

The board named two new trustees at the 2015 annual meeting of corporators and organizational meeting of the Board of Trustees, held Sept. 16 at the Michele and Donald D'Amour Museum of Fine Arts. Oleksak, who is executive vice president, senior lender and chief credit officer at PeoplesBank, will be joined on the board by Melinda M. Phelps of Springfield, a partner at the Bulkley Richardson law firm.



Michael J. Oleksak

"Melinda and Mike are leaders in their respective fields and in their service to our community, and I am excited to have their help and guidance as we work to bring the Springfield Museums to even greater prominence," said Board Chairman Sam Hanmer, who added, "We are sincerely indebted to outgoing Trustee Maureen Hayes, and thank her for years of strong advocacy on behalf of the museums."

The meeting featured a video presentation with highlights from the previous year, and music provided by students from the Community Music School.

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All about Rotary

The Agawam Rotary Club recently hosted guest speaker Kyong Wilson, the district governor of Rotary, at Storowton Tavern in West Springfield. Wilson spoke about the international conferences she has attended and the worldwide good works of Rotary. The Agawam Rotary meets every Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. at Storowton Tavern, 1305 Memorial Ave., except during the Big E. Those interested in finding out more about Rotary are welcome. Pictured above, from left, are Michele Calvanese, George Bitzas, past president; Wilson; Madeline Lopez, Agawam Rotary president; and Robert Magovern, past president. SUBMITTED PHOTO

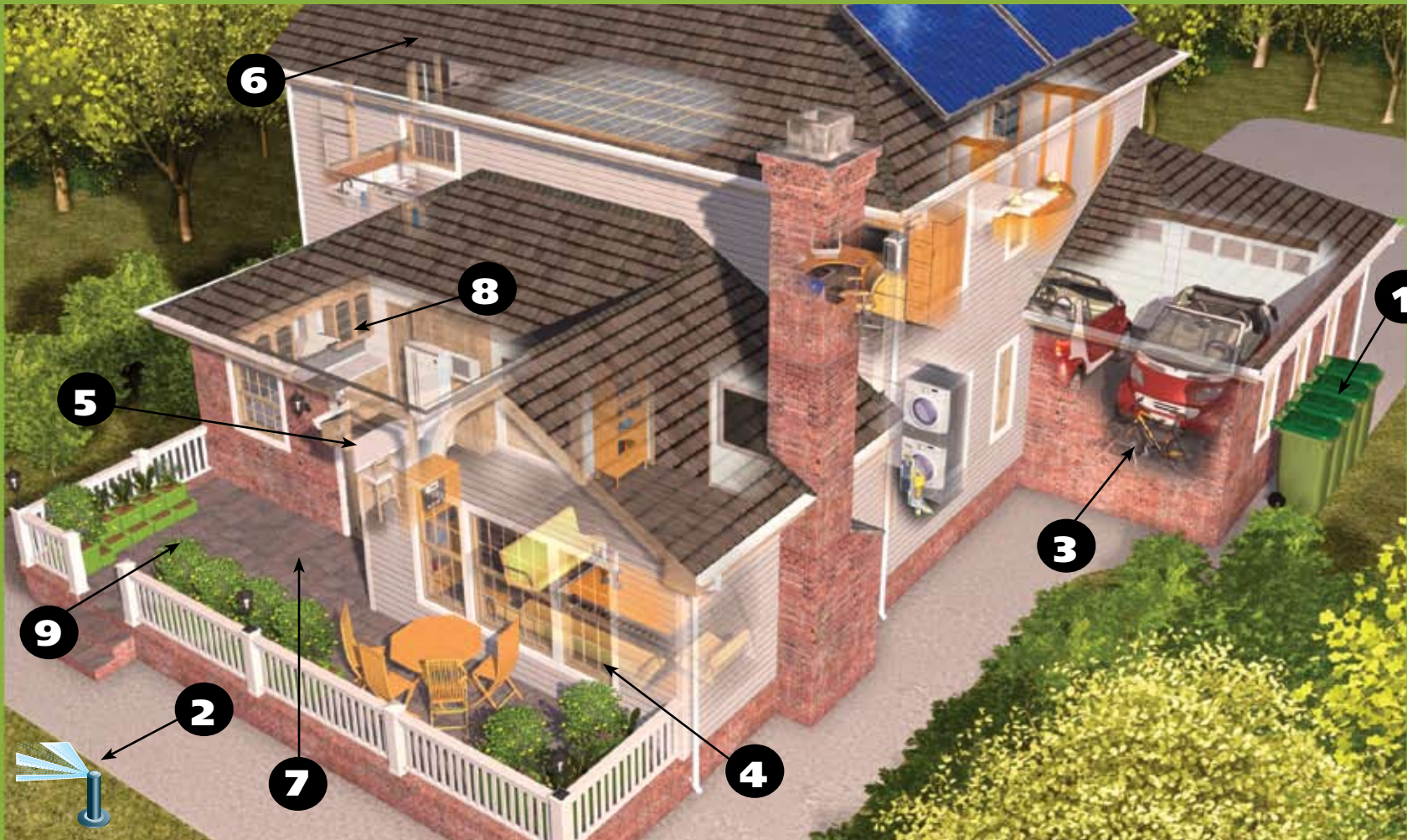


Festa Italia set for city Oct. 10

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